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It gives me great pleasure to invite you to Big Sky Country. Montana has long been known as a fantastic place to play and the fun doesn't stop in winter. So bring your family and friends and take advantage of all the exciting experiences available under our big sky. You'll find the hospitality and good cheer of my fellow Montanans will warm your soul and keep you coming back to enjoy all the treasures of this gorgeous state. Welcome.

Sincerely,

A stylized, handwritten signature of Brian Schweitzer in dark ink.

Brian Schweitzer,
Governor of Montana





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See why Montana has become legendary for winter vacations. Log on to wintermt.com and start planning.

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Photos: (cover) snowghosts, near Bigfork—Scott Spiker; (back cover) fun in the snow—Chuck Haney; (inside front cover) high fives—Chuck Haney



FIND OUT WHY IT'S KNOWN AS THE TREASURE STATE

EXPERIENCE MONTANA

When describing Montana, adjectives fall like snow on a mountain peak. "Breathtaking," "majestic," "flawless," "gorgeous" and of course, "awesome" immediately come to mind. Some of America's greatest writers have used these superlatives to convey the unique feel that Montana inspires. But words alone cannot do her justice. This much beauty, character and history have to be lived firsthand. For Montana is more than just a state—it's an experience that stimulates the senses and stirs the soul. And it's an experience that should be lived by everyone at least once in their lifetime.

Anyone who has laid eyes on our endless blue sky, crystal-clear waters and mammoth mountains knows that Montana leaves an impression that won't soon be forgotten.

This winter, let Montana charm you and your family with her wondrous sights and thrilling activities. "Big Sky Country" is full of warm people who will take the chill out of winter and welcome you to their charming small towns and exciting cities as you vacation in our amazing Treasure State.

*Photos: (left) skier at Bridger Bowl Ski Area—www.wildwestphotos.com;
(below) Big Sky Resort at night—Craig Moore*



BROADEN YOUR WINTER HORIZONS

WINTER ACTIVITIES

Chances are, you're considering a trip to Montana in anticipation of our legendary outdoor winter adventures—like skiing or seeing the breathtaking Glacier and Yellowstone National Parks. But whatever it is that's tempting you, there are plenty of unique ways to complement your Montana vacation. And though these activities may be less heralded than those that have captured your attention, broadening your horizons might lead to a new favorite pastime.



For example, downhill skiers may want to explore the world of backcountry skiing. Imagine being the first skier to carve a powdery run in one of nature's biggest playgrounds. Montana is a vast place filled with untouched runs. It's also a great state to take up cross-country skiing. See Mother Nature at her best while trekking through some of our thousands of miles of groomed and ungroomed trails. Or imagine getting a bird's-eye view of our wintry beauty on a helicopter tour. You'll even find guided helicopter ski trips. Afraid of heights? Try a snowcoach or snowmobile tour in some of the most challenging and beautiful terrain in the world.

Many anglers only think of Big Sky Country during the warmer months, but the fish are still here in winter. Ice fishing and winter fly fishing can be perfect cold-weather fun. Georgetown Lake, near Anaconda; Flathead Lake, south

of Kalispell; and Fort Peck Lake in northeast Montana are just a few of the many great places to drop your line in winter. You might land yourself some dough at the Ice Fishing Tournament at Fort Peck Lake's Marina Bay.

Non-anglers will find plenty of new things to do here as well. For example, many visitors are taking up snowshoeing, a rapidly growing and inexpensive activity. For those who want to try something faster, we offer novices and advanced

riders the thrill of commanding a team of sled dogs. Or maybe you'll want to take up skijoring, a blend of sleigh riding and cross-country skiing that involves having a dog or horse pull you.

Want to relax? Feel the pressures of the world evaporate at one of our more than two dozen developed "hot springs" destinations or 30 natural sites, all fed from natural geothermal features. Or, lace up your ice skates—on our ponds, lakes or rinks. Montana has the performing arts covered as well. The beautiful Alberta Bair Theatre in Billings, for example, offers off-Broadway plays, concerts and more.

So pick your favorite winter activity, add some new ones and start planning your Montana vacation now. Visit www.wintermt.com.

Photos: (this page) ice fishing—Tony Bynum; (opposite page, clockwise from top left) dogsledding near Ovando—Chuck Haney; sleigh ride at Izaak Walton Inn—William T. Elliott; bison in Yellowstone National Park—Carr Clifton





UNSPOILED & AUTHENTIC

ACCOMMODATIONS, DINING & URBANE ATTRACTIONS

There's plenty to love about Montana, and not all of it has to do with our great outdoors. In fact, both our charming towns and larger cities offer plenty to do before and after you've played outside.

For starters, we have hundreds of exciting museums and galleries that will fascinate your whole family, including Bozeman's dino-filled Museum of the Rockies and Great Falls' Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center, just to name a couple. We're also chock-full of historic trails and battlefields as well. And for those who feel a vacation isn't a vacation without a little shopping, we have plenty of unique shops, specialty stores and malls.

You may think that because Montana is such a

spectacular, uncrowded and unspoiled place, you'll sacrifice modern comforts. Nothing

could be further from the truth. Most visitors are surprised by Montana's vibrant nightlife. For example, you'll have no problem finding delicious restaurants to satisfy the most finicky of appetites as well as first-rate hotels and quaint bed & breakfasts.



When you consider all there is to do here, both inside and outside, you'll realize that Montana is more than just a beautiful state. We're the perfect winter vacation destination for everyone.

Photos: (opposite page, clockwise from top left) catch of the day—Lynn Donaldson; morning mocha and munchies—Craig Moore; celebrating the Montana memories—Juan de Santa Ana, gourmet dining—Donnie Sexton; moose door knocker—Lynn Donaldson; (this page) hot chocolate and marshmallows—Audrey Hall; Garden Wall Inn in Whitefish—Chuck Haney



PUTTING THE WILD IN WINTER

WILDLIFE VIEWING

There's something special about seeing wildlife in its natural habitat. And fortunately, not all of our animals spend the winter hibernating. The wilds of Montana, with their amazingly diverse landscapes, offer unique opportunities to see a wonderfully varied group of animals and birds. In fact, we have a greater variety of wildlife than any other state in the lower 48. Spot a herd of Rocky Mountain elk or deer foraging in a mountain meadow at sunset in Glacier National Park. Watch buffalo cross an icy stream in Yellowstone National Park, surrounded by the misty steam from the nearby hot springs.

But these critters are for your eyes only. Never try to touch, chase or disturb them. And don't take photos of them with Junior sitting on their backs. (Yes, people have tried.) These are wild

animals. Disrupting the natural order can be disastrous for them and dangerous for you.



Respect wildlife by not leaving behind empty soda cans and bags. If you see trash left behind by some thoughtless person, please carry it out. Never feed the wildlife. Animals accustomed to human food

and contact can become aggressive, and in many cases, have to be destroyed if they can't be relocated. Simply put, a fed animal can be a dead animal.

Think of Montana as an enormous natural animal preserve, waiting for you to experience, share stories with family and fill photo albums for years to come. For more information, go to www.wintermt.com/conservation.

Photos: (above) snowy owl—Donald M. Jones; (below, left to right) smiling moose—Dusan Smetana; coyote howling—Dusan Smetana





LEAVE NO TRACE

SUSTAINING MONTANA'S RESOURCES

The Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC) administers Montana's state school trust lands, including state forests. The agency is responsible for the stewardship, sustainability and improvement of the resources and benefits derived from these lands for current and future generations.

Persons who possess a Montana Wildlife Conservation License may hunt, fish and trap on legally accessible state lands; however, trappers must also acquire a Special Recreational Use License from DNRC prior to trapping on state lands. For most all other types of non-commercial and non-concentrated recreational activities, persons 12 and older must possess a State Land General Recreational Use License, which is available from Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP) license agents. Use of motorized vehicles, including use of snowmobiles on leased or licensed land, is restricted to public roads (subject to traffic laws/regulations) and on other

roads that DNRC may designate open. On unleased or unlicensed land, snowmobile use is allowed in all areas unless prohibited by DNRC. Pamphlets that provide further information regarding the rules, regulations and restrictions governing these and other activities on state lands are available from FWP offices, license agents and DNRC offices.

Montana Department of
Natural Resources and Conservation
PO Box 201601
Helena, MT 59620-1601
406-444-2074 · www.dnrc.mt.gov

Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks
1420 East 6th Avenue
Helena, MT 59620
406-444-2535 · TDD 406-444-1200
www.fwp.mt.gov

Photo: awesome views for snowboarders—Craig Moore

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

EXPERIENCE WINTER IN MONTANA

17TH ANNUAL GLACIER JAZZ STAMPEDE OCTOBER 7-10, KALISPELL

The Annual Glacier Jazz Stampede promises to be a weekend to remember for Flathead Valley jazz enthusiasts and "new" fans that visit from outside the area. The toe-tapping music played at various venues draws jazz lovers from all musical backgrounds. Special Friday night swing dance with bands from 8:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

406-755-6088 · www.glacierjazzstampede.com

YELLOWSTONE SKI FESTIVAL NOVEMBER 23-27, WEST YELLOWSTONE

During November, West Yellowstone, Montana, comes alive for the annual Yellowstone Ski Festival. Thanksgiving week features technique clinics, manufacturers' exhibits and wax clinics mixed with an overall warm feeling of camaraderie. The clinics vary in length and fees. Official Nor-Am races cap the month.

406-599-4465 · www.yellowstoneskifestival.com

HOLIDAY CANDLELIGHT TOURS OF LEWIS & CLARK CAVERNS DECEMBER 18-29, WHITEHALL

Lewis and Clark Caverns State Park offers holiday candlelight tours in December, weather permitting. Reservations required. See the cave as the original discoverers did, by candlelight.

406-287-3541 · www.fwp.mt.gov/parks/events



MONTANA PRCA PRO RODEO CIRCUIT FINALS JANUARY 14-16, GREAT FALLS

Held at Montana ExpoPark in Great Falls, over 96 of Montana's best pro rodeo contestants travel to Great Falls to pit their wit and ability against the skill and heart of Montana's finest PRCA rodeo stock. Festivities include an auction Thursday before the rodeo and on Saturday afternoon. The Miss Rodeo Montana coronation is on Sunday.

406-727-8900 · www.goexpopark.com

SEELEY LAKE AREA WINTERFEST JANUARY 22-23, SEELEY LAKE

Winterfest kicks off with a torchlight parade, followed by the annual Christmas tree bonfire. Events include winter biathlon, which combines target shooting with Nordic skiing. Enjoy snow sculpture viewing and competition throughout the weekend.

406-677-2880 · www.seeleylakechamber.com

WHITEFISH WINTER CARNIVAL FEBRUARY 4-6, WHITEFISH

The Whitefish Winter Carnival features the Grand Parade and Kiddie Carnival on Saturday. Come join us and be a part of the fascinating mythology of Whitefish.

406-862-3501 · www.whitefishwintercarnival.com

RACE TO THE SKY SLED DOG RACE FEBRUARY 11-16, HELENA

This 350-mile cross-country distance sled dog race starts near Helena. Send the teams off and follow their progress as they race through the checkpoints and back to the finish near Lincoln. All checkpoints accessible by car. Spectators are encouraged to follow the race.

406-881-3647 · www.racetothsky.org

WILD WEST WINTERFEST FEBRUARY 18-20, BOZEMAN

Break your cabin fever, put on your coats and boots and join us for the 9th Annual Wild West WinterFest. Three days of fun, family events such as the All-Breed Horse Sale, Chili Cook-off, dog events, children's art show, hockey tournament, kids' activities and petting zoo, photography show, quilt show, the Sweetheart Fur and Feather Show and the Working Horse and Driver Competition. Between events enjoy delicious food, listen to music, and wander through the commercial exhibitor building.

406-582-3270 · www.wildwestwinterfest.org

NORTHERN DIVISION FREESTYLE COMPETITION FEBRUARY 19-20, MISSOULA

This annual event, sanctioned by the U.S.S.A., draws the best skiers in the area for moguls, freestyle competition and jumping.

406-549-9777 · www.montanasnobowl.com

Photo: Winter Carnival, Red Lodge—Donnie Sexton

LEGENDS OF THE WULF NORDIC SKI RACE FEBRUARY 19, ANACONDA

Legends of the Wulf Nordic Ski Race, formerly the Ben Ali Haggin's Mile-High Nordic Ski Race, is a freestyle Nordic race with distances of 1, 2, 5, 9 and 19 km. The 9 and 19 km courses are hilly and technically challenging. The course is at an elevation above 6,000 feet and provides expansive views of Mount Haggin and the Pintler Range.

406-560-6060 · www.missoulanordic.org

WINTER CARNIVAL FEBRUARY 25-26, RED LODGE

Winter Carnival is fun for all ages. Events include the Cardboard Classic Parade and Race, a costume contest, jalapeno eating contest, live music, dinner, torchlight parade, mountain fireworks show and more.

406-446-2610 · www.redlodgemountain.com

SNOWBOWL CUP GELANDE CHAMPIONSHIP FEBRUARY 26-27, MISSOULA

The Snowbowl Cup Gelande Championship features spectacular ski jumping. Using alpine equipment and a natural terrain jump, the jumpers soar up to 200 feet as they fly off a narrow drop between two cliffs just above the Grizzly chairlift. The event attracts national media as well as jumpers from all over the United States.

406-549-9777 · www.montanasnorbowl.com

TERRAIN PARK JAM SNOWBOARD/SKIER FEBRUARY 26-27, BOZEMAN

Terrain Park Jam Snowboard/Skier is held in the Terrain Park. Competitors have the opportunity to hit a feature as often as time allows in this judged event.

406-586-1518 · www.bridgerbowl.com

SPECIAL OLYMPICS STATE WINTER GAMES FEBRUARY 27-MARCH 1, WHITEFISH

Special Olympics alpine skiers, Nordic skiers and snowshoers from across the state compete in the annual Special Olympics Montana State Winter Games at Whitefish Mountain Resort in Whitefish. Opening ceremonies feature a torchlight parade down the mountain.

406-216-5327 · www.somt.org

SNOWBOARD JAM MARCH 5-6, MISSOULA

Snowboard Jam consists of two days of events for snowboarders, including Giant Slalom, Slope Style Jam and the Monster Air contest. Cash purse and prizes are offered at this U.S.S.A.-sanctioned event.

406-549-9777 · www.montanasnorbowl.com

WORLD SNOWMOBILE EXPO MARCH 11-13, WEST YELLOWSTONE

West Yellowstone's Snowmobile EXPO combines top-notch drag, kids racing and full-action snocross racing with a "First Look" at the upcoming season's new snowmobiles and products. Radar runs and a funny money casino night round out the weekend.

406-646-7701 · www.snowmobileexpo.com

NATIONAL FINALS SKI-JORING RACES MARCH 12-13, RED LODGE

What do you get when you cross alpine skiers and cowboys? Red Lodge's National Finals Ski-Joring Races. Horse and rider pull a skier through the course, which consists of four jumps and numerous slalom gates. It's winter fun, western style!

406-446-3232 · www.redlodge.com/ski-joring

ST. PATRICK'S DAY EVENTS MARCH 16-17, BUTTE

Events include the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick's Banquet Shillelagh Shindig, crowning of St. Urho, bagpipes, lunch with the pipers and the St. Patrick's Day Parade.

406-723-3177 · www.buttecvb.com

C.M. RUSSELL AUCTION & EXHIBITORS SHOW MARCH 16-19, GREAT FALLS

The 43rd Annual C.M. Russell Auction, named after the famous cowboy artist, includes two major auctions, a chuckwagon brunch, three receptions and two quickdraws. Free admittance to 100-plus artist exhibitor rooms, seminars and an artist autograph party. All artist exhibitor rooms have original art for sale.

406-761-6453 · www.cmrauction.com

ANNUAL SNOW RODEO MARCH 19-20, ESSEX

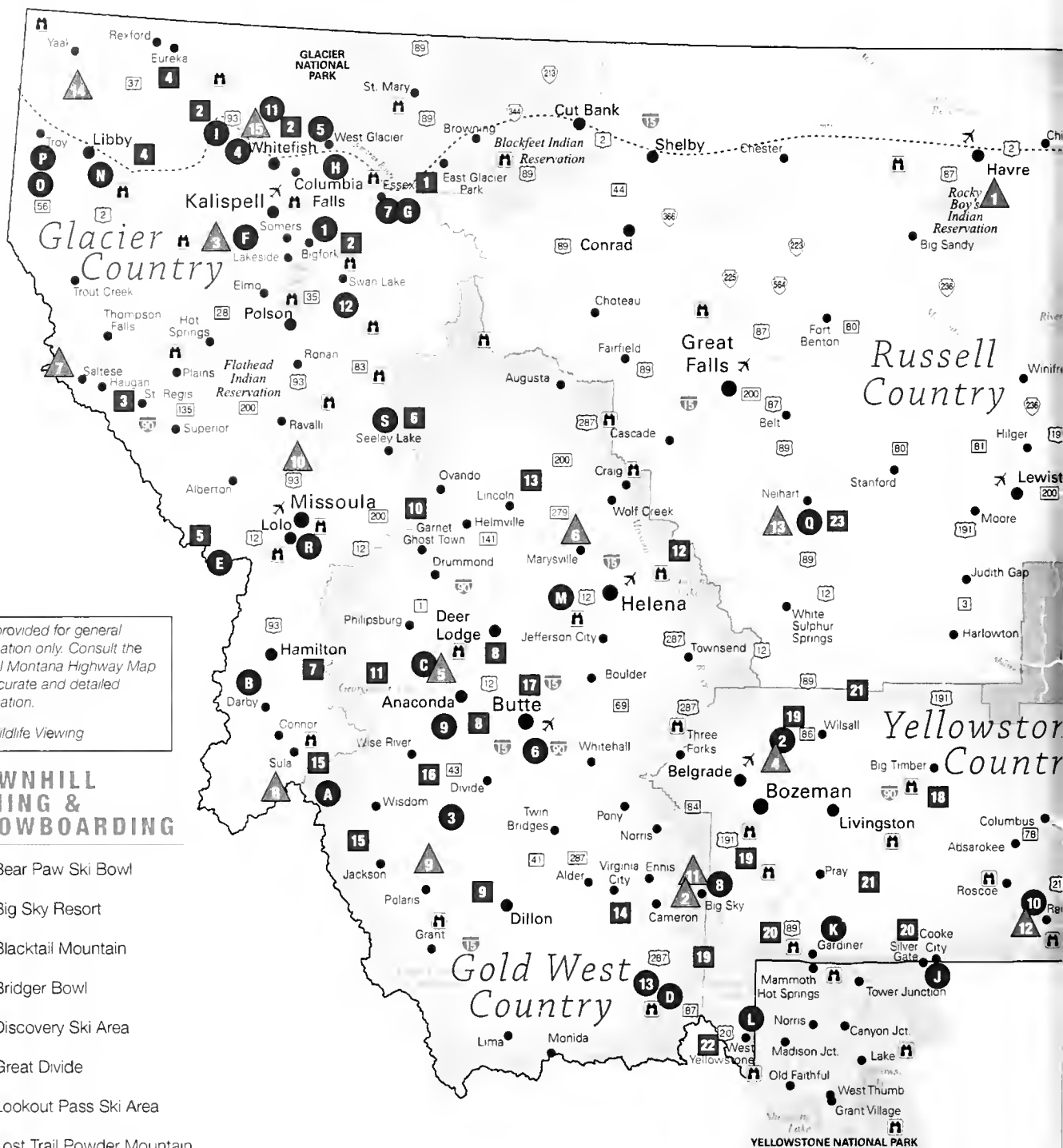
The Annual Snow Rodeo features hilarious events for the whole family using basic rodeo events, but the contestants are on skis! Bareback bronc ride down the mountain on an inner-tube horse on skis. Rope a wooden goat while traveling down a hill. Be a horse at the chuckwagon race. A fun time on skis and snowshoes. Bribe the judges to get better scores and rope the rodeo clown. Yeehaw! Spectators and contestants welcome! Great fun for children and adults. Special room rates available. Rodeo events on Saturday and treasure hunt on Sunday for rodeo participants only.

406-888-5700 · www.izaakwaltoninn.com



Photo: Legends of the Wulf Nordic Ski Race, Anaconda—Donnie Sexton

ACTIVITY LOCATION MAP



Map provided for general information only. Consult the Official Montana Highway Map for accurate and detailed information.

Wildlife Viewing

DOWNHILL SKIING & SNOWBOARDING

- 1 Bear Paw Ski Bowl
- 2 Big Sky Resort
- 3 Blacktail Mountain
- 4 Bridger Bowl
- 5 Discovery Ski Area
- 6 Great Divide
- 7 Lookout Pass Ski Area
- 8 Lost Trail Powder Mountain
- 9 Maverick Mountain
- 10 Montana Snowbowl
- 11 Moonlight Basin
- 12 Red Lodge Mountain Resort
- 13 Showdown Montana
- 14 Turner Mountain
- 15 Whitefish Mountain Resort

CROSS-COUNTRY SKI CENTERS/TRAILS

- 1 Bigfork Community Nordic Center
- 2 Bohart Ranch
- 3 Elkhorn Hot Springs
- 4 Glacier Nordic Center
- 5 Glacier Outdoor Center
- 6 Homestake Lodge
- 7 Izaak Walton Inn
- 8 Lone Mountain Ranch
- 9 Mt. Haggin Nordic Ski Area
- 10 Red Lodge Nordic Center
- 11 Stillwater Mountain Lodge
- 12 Swan Mountain Guest Ranch



SNOWMOBILING AREAS

- 1 Cut Bank
- 2 Flathead Valley (Columbia Falls, Whitefish, Bigfork, Kalispell)
- 3 Haugan
- 4 Kootenai Country
- 5 Lolo Pass
- 6 Seeley Lake
- 7 Hamilton/Skalkaho
- 8 Deer Lodge
- 9 Dillon/Polaris
- 10 Garnet
- 11 Georgetown Lake
- 12 Helena
- 13 Lincoln
- 14 Virginia City/Ennis
- 15 Wisdom/Jackson/Sula
- 16 Wise River
- 17 Elk Park
- 18 Big Timber
- 19 Bozeman/Big Sky
- 20 Cooke City/Silver Gate/Gardiner
- 21 Livingston
- 22 West Yellowstone
- 23 Kings Hill/Little Belts

Eastern Montana has several areas that offer opportunities for snowmobiling. Contact the Montana Snowmobile Association for information.
406-452-6330 · www.m-s-a.org

CROSS-COUNTRY SKI TRAILS IN NATIONAL FORESTS

BEAVERHEAD-DEERLODGE NATIONAL FOREST AND BITTERROOT NATIONAL FOREST

- A** Chief Joseph Cross-Country Trails
- B** Como Lake Recreation Area
- C** Georgetown Lake
- D** Wade Lake Ski Trails

CLEARWATER NATIONAL FOREST

- E** Lolo Pass

FLATHEAD NATIONAL FOREST

- F** Blacktail Mountain

FLATHEAD CONT.

- G** Essex Trail Complex
- H** Glacier Wilderness Ranch
- I** Round Meadows

GALLATIN NATIONAL FOREST

- J** Bannock Trail
- K** Bear Creek Trail System
- L** Rendezvous Ski Trails

HELENA NATIONAL FOREST

- M** MacDonald Pass

KOOTENAI NATIONAL FOREST

- N** Bear Creek
- O** Ross Creek Trail No. 400
- P** South Flower

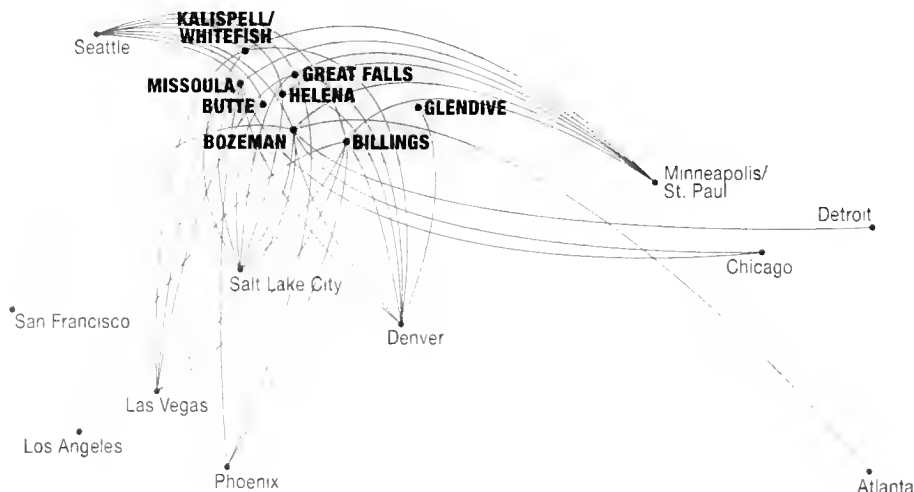
LEWIS AND CLARK NATIONAL FOREST

- Q** Silver Crest

LOLO NATIONAL FOREST

- R** Pattee Canyon Ski Trail
- S** Seeley Lake Ski Trails

ACCESS YOUR WINTER WONDERLAND TRANSPORTATION



MONTANA'S TOURISM REGIONS

GLACIER COUNTRY
406-532-3234 • 800-338-5072
www.glacier.visitmt.com

GOLD WEST COUNTRY
406-846-1943 • 800-879-1159
www.goldwest.visitmt.com

RUSSELL COUNTRY
406-761-5036 • 800-527-5348
www.russell.visitmt.com

YELLOWSTONE COUNTRY
406-556-8680 • 800-736-5276
www.yellowstone.visitmt.com

MISSOURI RIVER COUNTRY
406-653-1319 • 800-653-1319
www.missouririver.visitmt.com

CUSTER COUNTRY
406-841-2870 • 800-346-1876
www.custer.visitmt.com

TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

COMMERCIAL AIR SERVICE
Allegiant Air—www.allegiantair.com
Delta/Delta Connection—www.delta.com
Frontier—www.frontierairlines.com
Great Lakes Airlines—www.flygreatlakes.com
Horizon—www.horizonair.com
Northwest—www.nwa.com
Skywest—www.skywest.com
United/United Express—www.united.com

MONTANA RAIL TRAVEL
Amtrak
800-872-7245 • www.amtrak.com
Browning (June–Aug), Cut Bank,
East Glacier Park (May–Sept), Essex,
Glasgow, Havre, Libby, Malta, Shelby,
West Glacier, Whitefish, Wolf Point

CAR RENTALS

Car rental services provide you the means to explore some of Montana's legendary sites. All types of vehicles are available to send you on your journey of a lifetime. For a complete listing of cities with car rentals, go to www.visitmt.com/carrentals.

AIRPORT/SKI AREA SHUTTLES
Flathead-Glacier Transportation
Flathead/Glacier area
406-892-3390

Karst Stage
Big Sky, Bozeman, West Yellowstone,
Chico Hot Springs, Mammoth Hot Springs
800-845-2778 • www.karststage.com

Skyline Bus
Big Sky, Bozeman
406-995-6287 • www.skylinebus.com

Snow Bus
Whitefish
406-253-9192 • www.bigmtnccommercial.org

DISTANCE PLANNING CHART

	ANACONDA	BIG SKY	BILLINGS	BOZEMAN	BUTTE	COOKE CITY	DILLON	GREAT FALLS	HAVRE	HELENA	KALISPELL	LIBBY	LIVINGSTON	MISSOULA	RED LODGE	WEST GLACIER	W. YELLOWSTONE	WHITEFISH	
BIG SKY	141	0	186	44	114	142	149	216	331	127	349	424	70	212	193	370	50	363	BIG SKY
BILLINGS	251	186	0	142	224	126	254	219	250	224	420	509	116	339	60	414	218	434	BILLINGS
BOZEMAN	109	44	142	0	82	135	112	177	292	95	291	380	26	202	149	312	91	305	BOZEMAN
BUTTE	27	114	224	82	0	217	65	153	268	64	227	310	108	120	231	248	150	241	BUTTE
GREAT FALLS	172	216	219	177	153	279	209	0	115	89	226	315	170	169	260	195	264	220	GREAT FALLS
HAVRE	287	331	250	292	268	376	324	115	0	204	259	348	285	284	310	228	379	253	HAVRE
HELENA	83	127	224	95	64	230	120	89	204	0	196	285	121	115	238	217	175	210	HELENA
KALISPELL	213	349	420	291	227	426	278	226	259	196	0	89	317	115	434	31	371	14	KALISPELL
MISSOULA	105	212	339	202	120	337	171	169	284	115	115	190	228	0	351	136	270	129	MISSOULA
W. YELLOWSTONE	177	50	218	91	150	92	141	264	379	175	371	460	107	270	158	392	0	385	W. YELLOWSTONE
WHITEFISH	227	363	434	305	241	440	292	220	253	210	14	103	331	129	448	25	385	0	WHITEFISH

TRAVEL AND SAFETY TIPS

24-HOUR REAL TIME INFORMATION INCLUDING:

- Winter driving conditions
- Weather forecast information
- Construction information
- Road closures and major delays
- Weight and speed limit restrictions



SNOWPLOW SAFETY

Motorists can help ensure a safer winter driving experience if they are prepared, alert and cautious. Our snowplows are on the road for your safety. There are some things you can remember when you encounter a snowplow:

- Plows travel slowly, usually 25-30 miles per hour, so if you are behind one, you may be tempted to pass. Before you do, keep in mind the snowplow driver may have a difficult time seeing you, especially if they are clearing the road in front of them.
- Never pass a plow on the right. Some snowplows are equipped with a "wing plow," an eight-foot extension off the right side of the truck that can be difficult to see.
- Plows aren't just removing snow. They also spread sand or deicer on the road. Leave enough room between the plow and your vehicle to avoid being sprayed.

PASSPORT REQUIREMENT

A passport is required for all persons traveling between the US, Canada and Mexico via air. Passports may be required by land or sea travel. Visit www.customs.gov for updated requirements.

ASSISTANCE FOR TRAVELERS WITH DISABILITIES

For information about accessibility contact the Montana Independent Living Project at 800-735-6457. www.milp.us

WEATHER REPORTS

Western Montana406-721-3939
 Central Montana406-453-5469
 Southeastern Montana . . .406-652-1916
 Northeastern Montana . . .406-228-9625

AVERAGE DAILY HIGH AND LOW TEMPERATURE FOR JANUARY

CITY	HIGH	LOW
Billings	32.4°	13.9°
Bozeman	31.3°	11.8°
Butte	29.9°	7.3°
Great Falls	33.8°	13.7°
Helena	29.6°	11.2°
Kalispell	29.1°	14.4°
Missoula	30.0°	14.9°
West Yellowstone	24.2°	-0.2°
Whitefish	28.0°	12.0°

All temperatures are in degrees Fahrenheit.

AVALANCHE SAFETY

The best way to avoid getting caught in an avalanche is to be educated about the conditions that cause avalanches. Call the local avalanche center hotline or visit their website below. Take an avalanche class. Understanding the basics of terrain, weather, snowpack and human factors that contribute to avalanches is crucial to safe travel in the backcountry.

For more information, contact the avalanche center in the area you plan to visit:

Gallatin NF Avalanche Center
 406-587-6984

Glacier Country Avalanche Center
 Recorded Avalanche Advisory
 800-526-5329 or 406-257-8402

West Central MT Avalanche Center
 800-281-1030 or 406-549-4488

Idaho Panhandle Avalanche Center
 866-489-8664 or 208-765-7323

All avalanche center websites and advisories can be accessed at the following two easily remembered URLs:
www.avalanche.org
www.csac.org



POWDER COVERED ADRENALINE DOWNHILL SKIING & SNOWBOARDING

The name "Montana" comes from the Spanish word meaning "mountain." Once you see the landscape of Montana—featuring rugged Rocky Mountain peaks reaching elevations of more than 12,000 feet—you'll appreciate how appropriate our name is. The good news for skiers and boarders is this: Nestled among our stunning mountain ranges are winter resorts offering some of the finest powder in North America.

Yes, many resorts brag about their powder. But Montana's claims for better snow aren't just filled with hot air, because the state's unique geography creates a veritable laboratory for perfect powder. How? When winter storms brew over the giant Pacific Ocean and head inland, they have relatively smooth sailing as they move east—until they hit the Rocky Mountains of Montana. When those clouds, loaded with moisture, bump up against peaks reaching 9,000 feet or more, they begin to drop that precipitation. That's when the second key ingredient comes into play: low humidity.

Montana's snow is light and dry, rather than the wet sludge or concrete more humid areas get.



The result? Well, let's just say more than a few of Montana's 15 downhill resorts seem to have permanent positions on numerous lists of best resorts within the ski and snowboarding industries.

Also, Montana has resorts at the top of the charts for vertical drop, skiable terrain, affordable pricing and lack of lift lines. The best places to be are the places where everyone else isn't.
















And as if Montana didn't have enough, two resorts have combined to offer the most skiable terrain in North America accessible with one ticket: more than 5,500 acres, 4,350 vertical feet and 220 trails via 27 lifts. So yes, that means bigger is better.

But then, in the mountains of Montana, everything is better.

Photos: (opposite page) skiing the snowghosts, Whitefish Mountain Resort—Chuck Haney; (above) giant snowball—Donnie Sexton; (below) snowboarding, Whitefish Mountain Resort—www.wildwestphotos.com



QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE

		AVG. SNOWFALL (IN.)	VERTICAL DROP	BASE ELEVATION	TOP ELEVATION	LIFT CAPACITY/HR.	LIFTS	RUNS	% BEGINNER	% INTERMEDIATE	% ADVANCED	ADULT RATES**	CHILDREN RATES**	
	Bear Paw Ski Bowl Havre 406-265-8404 www.skibearpaw.com	140	900	4,200	5,280	720	1D	25	25	25	50	\$20 ††	\$18 8 & under free	Day-use area 29 miles S of Havre, along Amtrak route on Rocky Boy's Indian Reservation; full services in Havre.
	Big Sky Resort Big Sky 800-548-4486 www.bigskyresort.com	400	4,350	7,500	11,166	23,000	1TR 1Q 5T 4DQ 5D 5S	150+	14	26	60	\$79* ††	\$59* 10 & under free †	Full-service resort and conference center between Bozeman and Yellowstone National Park; open summer and winter.
	Blacktail Mountain Lakeside 406-844-0999 www.blacktailmountain.com	250	1,440	5,236	6,676	3,900	2D 1T 1S	26	15	70	15	\$36 ††	\$25 (13-17) \$16 (8-12) 7 & under free	Day-use area 14 miles W of Lakeside; open Wed.–Sun. 9:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m. Open Christmas every day through the holiday and President's Day. Lodge with restaurant, lounge, cafeteria. Rentals, ski school.
	Bridger Bowl Bozeman 800-223-9609 www.bridgerbowl.com	350	2,600	6,100	8,700	8,600	1Q 3D 3T	75	20	30	50	\$47 ††	\$16 6 & under free †	Destination area with plenty of skiing and full services in the nearby university town of Bozeman; close to Yellowstone National Park.
	Discovery Ski Area Georgetown Lake 888-678-SNOW www.skidiscovery.com	210	2,270	5,880	8,150	8,800	4T 3D 1S	70	20	30	50	\$38 ††	\$19 (6-12) 5 & under free †	Day-use area at Georgetown Lake between Philipsburg and Anaconda on Hwy. 1, 90 miles from Missoula. Variety and thrills with some of the steepest lift-served terrain in Montana. Lodging available nearby.
	Great Divide Marysville 406-449-3746 www.skigd.com	180	1,560	5,750	7,310	3,850	5D	140	10	40	50	\$36 ††	\$16 5 & under free †	Day-use area 20 miles NW of Helena; cafeteria, bar, four terrain parks, night skiing, snowmaking. Open bowl, trail and tree skiing on 1,600 acres; accommodations in Helena.
	Lookout Pass Ski Area Salt Lake 208-744-1301 www.skilookout.com	400	1,150	4,500	5,650	4,200	3D 1S	34	25	50	25	\$35 ††	\$24 6 & under free †	Regional destination area off I-90 at Montana-Idaho state line. Full-service resort. Extensive glade skiing, two terrain parks. Discounted tickets Thurs. and Mon. 25k cross-country, snowshoeing.
	Lost Trail Powder Mtn. Sula 406-821-3211 www.lostrail.com	300	1,800	6,400	8,200	1,925	5D 3S	45	20	60	20	\$35	\$25 5 & under free †	Day-use area S of Missoula on the Montana-Idaho border; lodging nearby.
	Maverick Mountain Dillon 406-834-3454 www.skimaverick.com	180	2,020	6,500	8,520	700	1D 1S	24	20	40	40	\$30	\$22 5 & under free †	Day-use area W of Dillon; open Thurs.–Sun.; discounted lift tickets Thurs. and Fri.; nursery available/reservations requested.
	Montana Snowbowl Missoula 406-549-9777 www.montanasnobowl.com	300	2,600	5,000	7,600	3,400	2D 2S	42	20	40	40	\$40 ††	\$18 5 & under free †	Regional destination area outside of Missoula; vertical drop attracts extreme skiers but there's plenty of variety for other skill levels.
	Moonlight Basin Big Sky 877-822-0342 www.moonlightbasin.com	400	4,150	7,000	11,166	3,400	1DS 3Q 1T 2D 1S	76	19	27	54	\$55 ††	\$45 10 & under free †	Full-service resort between Bozeman and Yellowstone National Park; open summer and winter. Next door to Big Sky Resort.
	Red Lodge Mountain Resort Red Lodge 406-446-2610 800-444-8977 www.RedLodgeMountain.com	250	2,400	7,016	9,416	9,743	2DQ 3D 1T 1S	73	14	63	23	\$49 ††	\$19 5 & under free	Destination area offering expansive skiing, family fun and full services, with many more dining and entertainment options available in the fun-loving, western town of Red Lodge.
	Showdown Montana Neihart 800-433-0022 www.showdownmontana.com	245	1,400	6,800	8,200	3,900	1T 2D 1S	34	30	40	30	\$37 ††	\$20 5 & under free	Day-use area S of Great Falls; expanded lodge; bar and cafeteria; kids programs and day care; rentals include skis, snowboards, snowblades, snowshoes, snowbikes and telemark.
	Turner Mountain Libby 406-293-2468 www.skturner.com	250	2,110	3,842	5,952	500	1D	22	15	35	50	\$30 ††	\$25 6 & under free	Day-use area 22 miles N of Libby in MT's NW corner; day lodge and snack bar; services in Libby; rentals; open Fri.–Sun./holidays/by appointment.
	Whitefish Mountain Resort Whitefish 406-862-2900 800-SKI-FISH www.skwhitefish.com	300	2,353	4,464	6,817	13,800	2O 3DO 5T 3S 1D	94	15	35	50	\$61* ††	\$32* 6 & under free	Full-service winter and summer destination resort near Glacier National Park. Located eight miles N of Whitefish on Amtrak route and only 19 miles from airport (FCA) to lifts.

▲ Numbers preceding ski centers/trails correspond to locations on map, page 14.

Liffts: TR—tram, DQ—high-speed detachable quad chair, DS—high-speed detachable six-person chair, O—high-speed quad chair, G—high-speed detachable gondola, T—triple, D—double, S—surface. *2009-2010 rates. See website for current rates. **Rates subject to change. †With paying adult ††Senior and/or student rates available.

Whitefish Mountain Resort Snowsports School offers adaptive lessons for individuals of all ability levels and can be booked as either group lessons or one-on-one instruction. Lesson, lift ticket and rental fees apply. Reservations must be made five days in advance and can be placed by calling 406-862-2909.

Eagle Mount Ski Program—Both downhill and cross-country adaptive ski programs for people with special needs are taught on a one-on-one basis at Big Sky Resort and Bridger Bowl (406-586-1781 for both; Red Lodge Mountain Resort (406-245-5422) and Showdown Montana (406-454-1449).

BIG SKY RESORT

1 Lone Mountain Trail
PO Box 160001, Big Sky, MT 59716
Reservations: 800-548-4486 • 406-995-5750
Snow Conditions: 406-995-5900
info@bigskyresort.com
www.bigskyresort.com

Base Elevation 7,500 ft.
Top Elevation. 11,166 ft.
Vertical Drop 4,350 ft.
Longest Run 6 mi.
Lift Capacity 23,000 skiers/hr.
Average Snowfall. 400 inches/yr.

The biggest skiing in America is right here in southwest Montana! With the Big Sky Resort-Moonlight Basin interconnect, skiers and riders can access more than 5,500 uncrowded acres and 27 lifts, all on one lift ticket. Add slopeside lodging, lots of evening and family activities and Yellowstone Park next door and you'll never want to leave. Big Sky, Montana, a place all your own.

LOCATION

U.S. Highway 191, 45 miles south of Bozeman.

GETTING HERE

Allegiant, Northwest, Delta/Skywest, Frontier, United and Horizon/Alaska offer non-stop flights from Minneapolis, Detroit, Chicago, Atlanta, Denver, Las Vegas, Salt Lake City, Seattle and San Francisco. Shuttles, rental cars and taxis are all available at the Gallatin Field Airport.

SEASON

Thanksgiving to April 24, 2011.
Open daily 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

TRAILS & SLOPES

Big Sky has 150+ trails on three mountains. 3,812 acres on private land. 14% beginner, 26% intermediate, 60% advanced/expert. Snowmaking on 10% of terrain.

LIFTS

Trams 1
High-Speed Quads 4
Chairs. 5 double, 5 triple, 1 quad
Surface 5

The above figures are for Big Sky Resort only. The Biggest Skiing in America Pass offers access to Big Sky Resort and Moonlight Basin.

RATES (rates listed are 2009-2010)

Adult (18-69) \$79
Junior (11-17) and college \$59
Child (10 and under) Free
Adult Biggest Skiing in America Ticket . . \$94
(accesses both Big Sky Resort and Moonlight Basin)

INSTRUCTION, RENTALS & SALES

Big Sky Resort offers instruction for downhill,



snowboard, telemark, powder, mogul, women's-only, advanced/extreme clinics and camps for children and adults. On-mountain equipment rentals and sales are available.

JUST FOR KIDS

Small Fry Try for ages 3-4 gives your child a one-on-one introduction to skiing, \$80/session. Multi-day discounts available. All rates subject to change.

FOOD & DRINK

15 restaurants and nightspots located in and around the Mountain Village with many more throughout the greater community. (Regular shuttles available.) Enjoy the zipline, gourmet sleigh ride dinners, nightly movies, live gaming, spas, winter fly fishing, day trips to Yellowstone Park, snowmobiling, dog sledding and free après ski Kids' Club for Big Sky Central Reservations guests.

TUBE PARK

After the slopes close, join us in the Tube Park! Fun for the entire family, the park has a two-lane tubing park and a terrain park with rails and boxes, located right in the base area.

LODGING

Big Sky Central Reservations offers the

largest selection of accommodations, including hotel rooms, suites, studios, condominiums and cabins. From economy to luxury, from one person to 750, we can find the perfect lodging configuration for your group. Discounted ski and stay packages are available throughout the season. All Mountain Village properties include access to heated pools, hot tubs, steam rooms, workout facilities and concierge services. A free shuttle operates throughout the community.

WINTER SPORTS

Soar through the trees on Big Sky Resort's zipline. Ski or snowshoe to the start of three lines that take you over gullies and through the trees for a different vista and a wonderful family experience.

EVENTS

Throughout the winter, Big Sky Resort offers fun family events on and off the slopes including a Christmas Eve Torchlight parade, New Year's Eve fireworks displays, Easter sunrise service, Big Sky Big Grass Festival, Dummy Jump, Pond Skim, Sunset Saturdays and live music daily at multiple bars and restaurants with larger music events on the weekends. For most current listing of events go to www.bigskyresort.com/events.



BRIDGER BOWL

15795 Bridger Canyon Road
Bozeman, MT 59715
Reservations:
800-223-9609 • 406-586-1518
Snow Phone: 406-586-2389
skitrip@bridgerbowl.com
www.bridgerbowl.com

Base Elevation 6,100 ft.
Top Elevation. 8,700 ft.
Vertical Drop 2,600 ft.
Longest Run 3.5 mi.
Lift Capacity 8,600 skiers/hr.
Average Snowfall. 350 inches/yr.

New Bridger Lift (triple chair) for the 2010-2011 season. Experience world-class skiing at small-town rates. Though well known for incredible cold smoke powder and natural scenic beauty, this nonprofit community ski area is ranked consistently as one of the top values in the nation. Enjoy incredible Rocky Mountain terrain, fantastic snow and three spacious day lodges with excellent skier services.

LOCATION

Located only 20 minutes from historic downtown Bozeman and 1.5 hours from Yellowstone National Park in southwestern Montana, easily accessed off Interstate 90.

GETTING HERE

30 minutes away from Gallatin Field Airport. Served with several flights daily by Delta, United, Northwest, Horizon and Frontier airlines. Call 800-223-9609 for ski and lodging packages. Car rentals available (most major companies) at airport. Free weekend shuttle from Bozeman to Bridger Bowl.

SEASON

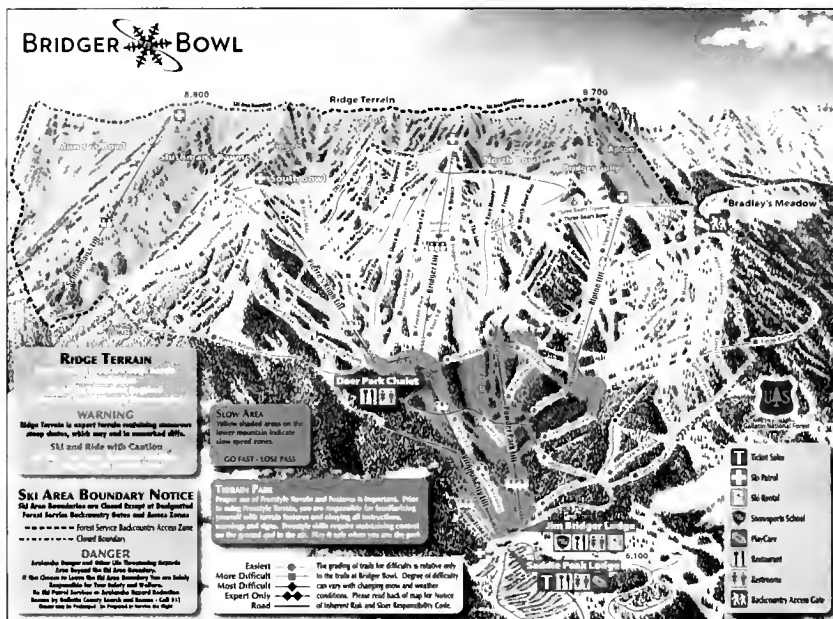
December 10, 2010–April 3, 2011.
Open daily 9 a.m.–4 p.m.

REAL SLOPES

Bridger Bowl offers more than 75 named runs with expansive bowls, powder glades, winding trails and groomed slopes covering 2,000 acres of private and public lands in and around the Gallatin National Forest. We have over 600 acres of groomed trails. 20% beginner, 30% intermediate, 20% advanced and 30% expert only. Bridger Bowl offers some of the nation's only in-bounds, lift-served high mountain terrain for experts only, where avalanche transceivers are required and shovels and skiing partners are strongly recommended.

CHAIRS

Quads 1
Chairs. 3 double, 3 triple



RATES

Adult (13–69) \$47
Multi-day (3+ days) \$44/day
Senior (70+). \$21
Child (7–12). \$16
Child (0–6) Free

RENTALS & SALES

Ski package \$25/day
Snowboard package \$25/day

INSTRUCTION

Downhill, telemark and snowboard.
Group \$35/1.5 hrs.
Private \$90/1.5 hrs.

FOOD & DRINK

3 large day lodges—two in base area with all skier services including cafeterias and full-service bar and grill. Cafeteria with beer and wine available at mid-mountain lodge. Total seating capacity for over 900 guests.

LODGING

Central reservations for lodging, air, car rentals, lift tickets for individuals and groups. For more lodging information, directory begins on page 69.
Call 800-223-9609.

JUST FOR KIDS

Playcare (18 months–6 years), call for rates 800-223-9609; "First Tracks" (ages 4–6 years) includes lesson, lunch, playcare and ski rental. Full-day \$95, half-day \$60.

DAILY ONLINE VIDEO & PHOTO

Along with each day's ski report is a photo and short video showing the day's

conditions. See entire season archived at www.bridgerbowl.com.

EVENTS

- Bridger Gully Free Ride, February 19
- Pinhead Classic Telemark Race, March 5
- Bridger Bowl Bump-Off, March 20
- Terrain Park Jam, February 26–27

PACKAGES

Ski and lodging packages as low as \$59/day ALL SEASON. Powder Hound Package: buy three days skiing and three nights lodging and get the 4th day and 4th night FREE—ALL SEASON.



The following locations and activities are located near three major ski areas. Please reference the map on page 14 of this guide for exact locations.

BOZEMAN CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU

2000 Commerce Way
Bozeman, MT 59715
800-228-4224, ext. 1101
info@bozemanchamber.com
www.visitbozeman.net

All winter, people cast their eyes to the top of Bozeman's Baxter Hotel where a flashing blue beacon instantly signifies news of fresh powder at Bridger Bowl. Some businesses even let their employees take a powder day if the snow gets deep enough.

It's all part of the attraction of winter in Bozeman. Whether you're a resident or visitor, outdoor recreation opportunities are endless. We're surrounded by four mountain ranges, thousands of acres of Gallatin

National Forest and the frozen waterfalls and geysers of Yellowstone National Park. Cross-country ski trails, some in the middle of town, sprout in every direction. And the downhill ski crowd has the run of three world-class destination resorts, all within an hour's drive, including community-owned Bridger Bowl.

Located 16 miles north of Bozeman, Bridger is renowned for powder so dry and wispy, locals dub it "the cold smoke." A snowsports school and accessible terrain cater to families, intermediate skiers and those seeking a first-time experience. The Ridge, nearly two miles of steep couloirs and gladed snowfields, is accessed only by experts who make the 400-foot hike above

the lift to the 8,700-foot summit. But a Bridger day goes well beyond the powder. The civic pride and small-town charm of Bozeman are equally responsible for drawing locals and visitors alike.

After a great day of skiing and soaking in the vistas, soothe aching quads with a walk down historic Main Street. More than 100 shops and restaurants line our beautiful and historic shopping corridor. Locals and skiers alike flock to art galleries, funky boutiques and a wealth of dining options within this vibrant core. Tasty flavors range from four-star elegance to tapas to an inexpensive wrap. And meat and potatoes? You'll find them too. After all, this is Bozeman, Montana.



DISCOVERY SKI AREA

PO Box 221
Anaconda, MT 59711
406-563-2184
info@skidiscovery.com
www.skidiscovery.com

Base Elevation 5,880 ft.
Top Elevation 8,150 ft.
Vertical Drop 2,270 ft.
Longest Run 2 mi.
Lift Capacity 8,800 skiers/hr.
Average Snowfall 210 inches/yr.

An expert's brand of thrills served up in a local's hangout, Discovery is a terrific find that will remind you what skiing Montana is all about! The north-facing Limelight lift offers some of the steepest lift-served terrain around, while the variety of beginner and intermediate runs on the Anaconda and new north-facing Granite lifts provide great skiing for all abilities. Easily reached from Missoula and Butte, Discovery is a place where skiers meet! We have beautiful views and uncrowded slopes with enough tree skiing, powder bowls, groomed trails and mogul runs for all tastes. One visit will make you a believer!

LOCATION

90 miles east of Missoula; 23 miles west of Anaconda at Georgetown Lake on the Pintler Scenic Route.

GETTING HERE

Fly SkyWest or Horizon to Butte. From Butte take I-90 to the Anaconda exit. Bus transportation from Butte is available on weekends and holidays. From Missoula take I-90 to Drummond, then Montana Highway 1 through Philipsburg and over Flint Creek Pass.

SEASON

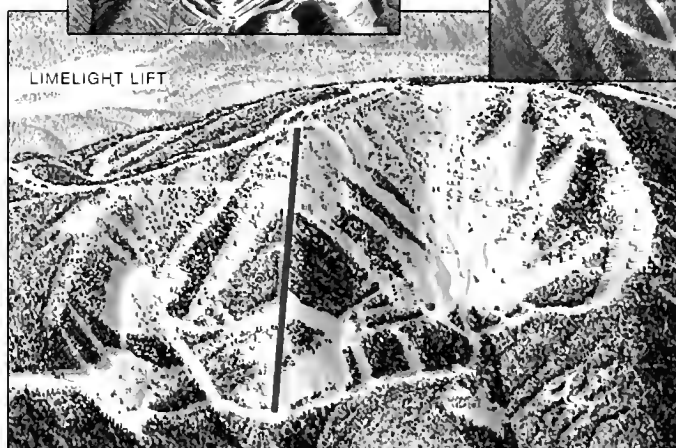
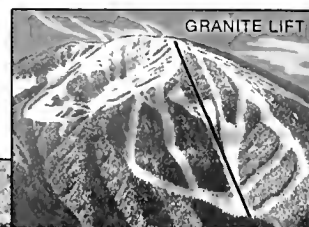
November–April. Open 7 days per week from 9:30 a.m.–4 p.m.

TRAILS & SLOPES

Two north-facing backside bowls plus two extensive frontside faces brings Discovery to 70 runs, for a total of 694 acres of trails on 2,100 acres of the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest. Plenty of powder and extreme terrain make for great rides and air for skiers and boarders alike. Nicely groomed runs on both the front and back provide excellent intermediate terrain, with a final breakdown of 20% beginner trails, 30% intermediate, 30% advanced and 20% expert.

FTS

Chairs 4 triple, 3 double
Surface Lifts 1 Carpet



RATES

Adult, all day lift ticket \$38
Half-day adult (12:30 p.m.) \$29
Child, all day lift ticket (6–12) \$19
Child (5 and under) FREE*
Senior all day lift ticket (65+) \$19
Easy chair only ticket \$10
*with the purchase of an adult all day lift ticket

RENTALS & SALES

Sports shop offers clothing, gear and accessories. Complete rental shop offers snowboards and a range of skis including high-performance fat, powder and race skis. Waxing and repair available.

Adult basic set \$20
Child basic set \$15
Snowboard \$25

FOOD & DRINK

Full-service cafeteria and bar with outside grill operating when weather permits. Express line offers fresh sandwiches made to order. Gourmet lunch entrees offered every weekend. Soups and bread made from scratch daily and, of course, our famous Discovery chocolate chip cookies!

INSTRUCTION

Our friendly and professional staff will provide you with the complete mountain experience. Private and semi-private lessons will

raise the bar in your skiing, snowboarding and telemark. Group lessons are available for our beginner skiers and boarders. A special First-Timers package will set you up with a group lesson, rentals and a lift ticket at a discounted price. To help show off our vast terrain, Discovery is offering guided tours of the mountain. See our website for more information.

LODGING

Great Ski & Stay packages offered at Georgetown Lake and in the historic mining towns of Anaconda and Philipsburg. Both hotels and great bed and breakfasts nearby. Fairmont Hot Springs Resort is located only 30 miles east.

EVENTS

Visit www.skidiscovery.com to view our event calendar.



Jeremy Lurgio

The following locations and activities are located near Discovery Ski Area. Please reference the map on page 14 of this guide for exact locations.

PHILIPSBURG CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

PO Box 661
Philipsburg, MT 59858
406-859-3388
chamber@philipsburgmt.com
www.philipsburgmt.com

Want some history with your powder? Discovery Ski Area is located on Montana Highway 1, Montana's first historic highway. And it's not called the Pintler Scenic Highway for nothing; it takes you through some of the most beautiful valleys and historic mining districts Big Sky Country has to offer.

The Granite County seat is in Philipsburg (pop. 954), just minutes north of Discovery. "P-burg," as the locals call it, was an 1890s boomtown. Today it's called the "liveliest ghost town" in the West thanks to a bustling National Historic District that's full of venerable old buildings from hard rock mining's heyday. The beautifully restored downtown recently earned the Building from

the Best of the Northern Rockies award from the Sonoran Institute.

This is truly old Montana, lovingly restored by the townsfolk themselves. These friendly locals will make you feel right at home, but this is not a place to worry about your "après-ski" apparel or what you are driving. Your lift ticket is good for a free drink at several watering holes, and folks here know how to treat visitors—when Montana created an award for the best tourism community in the state, little Philipsburg was the premier winner! Sunny, wide streets, a great museum, old saloons, good restaurants and lodging ranging from economical motels, cozy B&Bs and a beautifully restored historic hotel can all be found in Philipsburg. The new regulation-size hockey rink is available all day and lighted at night. And the shopping is fun too, including the West's largest candy store and a wide variety of antiques and specialty shops. But the main thing you'll experience is the laid-back

comfort of an unhurried community in the heart of the Rockies.

The legacy of silver mining extends to the very base of the ski hill where picturesque Georgetown Lake lies nestled at the foot of the majestic, snowcapped Anaconda Pintler Wilderness. The lake was created over a century ago to provide electricity to a nearby mine, one of the first electrical facilities in America. Today Georgetown is a winter wonderland for all types of fun activities. The ice fishing is the best in the state, the hottest new sport is kite skiing and the backcountry trails are heaven for snowshoeing and snowmobiling alike. Plus the lake is surrounded by several restaurants, motels, lodges and cabins where you can unwind.

Powder Magazine said it best when they recently wrote of Discovery: "It would be hard to imagine a more satisfying ski hill." The same can be said for what you'll find on historic Highway 1 and the charming town of Philipsburg and nearby Georgetown Lake!



J. Jenner



BLACKTAIL MOUNTAIN

PO Box 1090
Lakeside, MT 59922
406-844-0999
skiing@blacktailmountain.com
www.blacktailmountain.com

Base Elevation 5,236 ft.
Top Elevation 6,676 ft.
Vertical Drop 1,440 ft.
Longest Run 1.75 mi.
Lift Capacity 3,900 skiers/hr.
Average Snowfall 250 inches/yr.

Our friendly mountain above the lake offers simply the best skiing for your whole family. Come see what the locals have discovered! Amazing views of the Flathead Valley, light dry snow on north-facing slopes, great rates and excellent service will have you hooked!

LOCATION

U.S. Highway 93, 45 minutes from downtown Kalispell and two hours north of Missoula, west of Lakeside on Blacktail Mountain Road.

GETTING HERE

Delta/SkyWest, Horizon Air, Northwest Airlines, United Airlines/SkyWest to Glacier Park International Airport, Kalispell. Amtrak to Whitefish from east and west. Highway 93 from Missoula or Kalispell.

SEASON

December to mid-April. Open 9:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m. Wednesdays through Sundays. Christmas—every day through holiday period and President's Day.



TRAILS & SLOPES

Top to bottom fall-line runs, with glading expanded to double the tree skiing. Terrain park with jumps, rails and boxes. 1,000 acres on Flathead National Forest. 15% novice, 70% intermediate, 15% expert. All natural snow on north-facing slopes.

LIFTS

Chairs 1 triple, 2 double
Surface 1 handle tow

RATES

Adult	\$36/\$30
Teen (13–17)	\$25/\$21
Child (8–12)	\$16/\$13
Tiny Tot (7 and under)	Free
Senior (70 and over)	\$16
College Students (with student ID)	\$30
5th Graders (with proof of grade)	Free

Group rates available.

RENTALS & SALES

Rental equipment for adults and children. Skis, snowboards, demo/performance skis all available at our shop on the mountain.

INSTRUCTION

Downhill, telemark, snowboarding, group or private lessons, beginners, advanced, children or adults.

FOOD & DRINK

One cafeteria and one full-service restaurant—Main Lodge.

LODGING

Nearby Lakeside-Somers, Kalispell, Bigfork and Polson. See directory on page 69 or check our website for local accommodations.

CROSS-COUNTRY

40 km of groomed trails on national forest land just minutes from Blacktail Mountain Lodge. Call Flathead National Forest at 406-837-7500 for more information.



GREAT DIVIDE

PO Box SKI
Marysville, MT 59640
406-449-3746
Snow Phone: 406-447-1310
kevin@skigd.com
www.skigd.com

Base Elevation 5,750 ft.
Top Elevation. 7,310 ft.
Vertical Drop 1,560 ft.
Longest Run 2 mi.
Lift Capacity 3,850 skiers/hr.
Average Snowfall. 180 inches/yr.

Great Divide is Montana's sunniest ski area. We are on the Continental Divide and offer an amazing 140 trails spread out on three mountain peaks and in three valleys.

We are "Montana's Terrain Park Place" with four Terrain Parks full of fun features. Enjoy affordable Friday and Saturday nights under the lights, often with live music and a lively crowd!

Our powerful snowmaking always gets the season started early. Come meet our friendly folks and enjoy our puny prices.

LOCATION

I-15 exit #200. 23 miles from Helena. 95 miles from Great Falls. Newly paved highway to Marysville.

SEASON

Before Thanksgiving to early April. Wednesdays thru Sundays. Holidays and Holiday Week. Friday and Saturday nights too.

TRAILS & SLOPES

140 named trails on 1,600 acres. Great glades all over the mountain. Belmont Bowl, Summit Snowfields and The Big Open! Four Terrain Parks: RUCKUS, RASCAL, RODEO, WildWood.



LIFTS

Chairs. 5 double chairlifts
FREE beginners tow

RATES

Adult \$36
Student/Senior \$28
Child \$16
Pre-School FREE
Weekday \$28
Weekday 2TIX. \$49
Friday and Saturday Nights \$10
Great Rates for Groups

RENTALS

1,200 skis and boards...all recent and right!
Adult \$25
Child \$15
Performance \$30
Multi-day discounted \$5/day

INSTRUCTION

Over 8,000 students each season!
EZ 1-2-3! Start-up only \$99
(3 days of lessons, lifts and equipment)
1st Day Deal \$39
(lesson, lift ticket, equipment)
One-on-One \$30/hour

Base Lodge Grill - Chili, soups, burgers, fries, pizzas at low altitude prices. Sundeck Hut - Grillin' in the great outdoors when the weather is wonderful. Missing Lynx Saloon - Lunch specials, local brews, cool cocktails, wine from bottles (not boxes). Wild West Cabin - Snacks and warm ups with a great view at 7,000'.

INFORMATION

In Helena 23 miles—Best Western, Comfort Inn, Days Inn, Hampton Inn, Holiday Inn, Holiday Inn Express, Quality Inn, Shilo, Super 8, Wingate. Most offer 20% OFF lift ticket coupons at the desk.

HELENA

A great state capital. Terrific variety of wonderful restaurants, theaters, museums, entertainment architecture and history. A Pretty Pleasant Place to Ski and A Terrific Town to Visit!



LOST TRAIL POWDER MOUNTAIN

PO Box 311
Conner, MT 59827
24-Hour Snow/Message Phone:
406-821-3211
Contact Phone: 406-821-3742
ski@losttrail.com
www.losttrail.com

Base Elevation 6,400 ft.
Top Elevation 8,200 ft.
Vertical Drop 1,800 ft.
Longest Run 2.5 mi.
Lift Capacity 1,925 skiers/hr.
Average Snowfall 300 inches/yr.

Well known for reliable snowfall and consistently good snow conditions, Lost Trail straddles the Montana-Idaho border in the breathtaking Bitterroot Range of the Northern Rockies.

LOCATION

U.S. Highway 93, 90 miles south of Missoula. Highway 93 is well maintained.

GETTING HERE

Delta, Horizon Air and Northwest to Missoula. Car rentals available at airport.

SEASON

December–April. 9:30 a.m.–4 p.m.
Thursday–Sunday and holidays. Christmas—
every day through Christmas holiday.



TRAILS & SLOPES

45 runs and trails on the Bitterroot National Forest. 20% beginner, 60% intermediate, 20% advanced.

LIFTS

Chairs 5 double
Surface 3

RATES

Adult \$35; \$30 half-day
Youth (6–12) \$25; \$21 half-day
Child (5 and under) Free
Rope tow \$4
Golden Ager (60+) \$27

RENTALS & SALES

Downhill package \$19/day
Snowboard package \$29/day
Waxing and tuning available.

INSTRUCTION

All levels of ski and snowboard lessons for kids and adults available. Also available: EZ 123 program, telemark lessons, All Mountain Kids program, Women's Only program and group lessons.

Private \$60/hr.
Learn-to-ski package \$50
Learn-to-board package \$55

FOOD & DRINK

Excellent cafeteria including locally brewed beers and wines at Day Lodge. Great quality with family-minded prices.

EVENTS

Mogul Freestyle Competition in February, Ski Patrol Steak Fry and Dance in February and great spring skiing. We also host the Special Olympics in January and a snowmobile hill climb in March. Rail Jam competitions each month.

LODGING

Looking for a unique experience this winter? Stay in the glorious Big Hole Valley on Montana Highway 43. Check out locally owned lodging and restaurants in Wisdom, Montana for places to stay after skiing at Lost Trail Powder Mountain:

Nez Perce Motel:
406-689-3254 • wdm3254@smtel.com

Pioneer Mountain Lodge: 406-689-3229

Wisdom River Gallery:
www.wisdomrivergallery.com

Big Hole Crossing Restaurant/Wisdom Cabin:
406-689-3800 • wdm3275@smtel.com

Pioneer Mountain Cabin: 406-689-3203

Fetty's Bar and Café: 406-689-3260

For additional information on the Big Hole Valley, visit www.bigholevalley.com.

Steve Slocumb

RED LODGE MOUNTAIN RESORT

PO Box 750
Red Lodge, MT 59068
Reservations: 888-281-0625
Information: 800-444-8977
Snow Phone: 406-255-6973
rlm@RedLodgeMountain.com
www.RedLodgeMountain.com

Base Elevation 7,016 ft.
Top Elevation 9,416 ft.
Vertical Drop 2,400 ft.
Longest Run 2.5 mi.
Lift Capacity 9,743 skiers/hr.
Average Snowfall 250 inches/yr.

Red Lodge Mountain Resort epitomizes big mountain skiing at its purest. The friendly locals and historic town of Red Lodge make for a genuine ski town experience, without the big ski town attitude or price! Focusing on value and an authentic ski and snowboard experience, Red Lodge Mountain Resort truly is the best kept secret in the Rockies.

LOCATION

U.S. Hwy 212, one hour southwest of Billings, just north of Yellowstone National Park.

GETTING HERE

Fly direct from Phoenix, Los Angeles, Minneapolis, Denver, Seattle and others into Billings with Allegiant, Delta, Great Lakes, Frontier, Horizon and United Airlines. Drive time from Billings is one hour, 2.5 from Bozeman and one hour from Cody, WY.

SEASON

Late November–mid April. 9 a.m.–4 p.m.

TRAILS & SLOPES

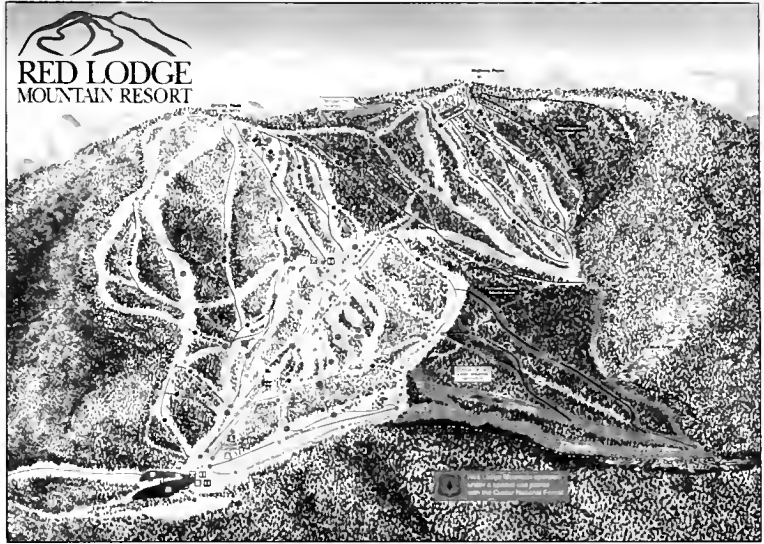
Over 70 named runs, varying from top-to-bottom blue groomers, to white-knuckle chutes. The largest capacity snowmaking system in Montana allows for a great early season and a quality base season-long. 14% beginner, 29% intermediate, 34% advanced, 23% expert.

LIFTS

Fixed-grip Chairs 1 triple, 3 doubles
Detachable Quads 2
Magic Carpet 1

RATES*

Adult \$49
Junior (13-18) \$42
Child (6-12) \$19
Senior (64-69) \$41
Super Senior (70+) \$15
College/Military \$32
5 and Under FREE
Multi-day and group rate discounts available.
*Prices subject to change.



RENTALS & REPAIR

A fleet of rental equipment, along with a selection of high-performance demo skis and snowboards, are available for children and adults. The rental shop also hosts a staff of seasoned ski technicians to help with any repairs or adjustments.

INSTRUCTION

Alpine, telemark, snowboard and specialty clinics for adults and children. First Timer, Intermediate and Advanced Packages include lift tickets, rentals and lessons. Private and semi-private lessons.

FOOD & DRINK

Three dining options at Red Lodge Mountain Resort offer a variety sure to satisfy every hungry skier and snowboarder. From breakfast, lunch and snacks in the Main Lodge, up to the Midway Chalet, specializing in stunning views of five mountain ranges, on-mountain dining is something to remember. Don't forget to hit the famous Bierstube and check out live après-ski entertainment, a full bar and 13 beers on tap. Additional dining and après-ski options are available in the quaint and historic town of Red Lodge. Only a short drive away from the base of the mountain, the town of Red Lodge holds the distinction of offering more restaurants and pubs per capita than any other town in Montana.

LODGING & RESERVATIONS

Red Lodge Mountain Resort is proud to partner with many of the lodging properties in town, from historic hotels to spacious vacation homes. This partnership allows for guests to get the best possible price on lodging and lift tickets while enjoying a memorable vacation. Call

1-888-281-0625 to speak to a Red Lodge Reservations expert.

GROUPS

From ski clubs to company retreats, Red Lodge Mountain Resort is proud to offer incredible deals to groups of 20 or more. These groups are able to enjoy \$38 lift tickets, discounts on food and rentals, and personalized assistance and attention through their stay. Call 1-800-444-8977 for information.

EVENTS

Ski With Santa – December 24 and 25
Town Series Race League –
Fridays in January and February
Terrain Park Series –
Monthly in January – March
Winter Carnival – February 25 and 26
Please visit www.RedLodgeMountain.com for a full listing of events.

SUMMER

The fun doesn't stop when the snow melts! Be sure to take advantage of the refreshing mountain air and laid back atmosphere of our 18-hole Championship Golf Course in town.



MONTANA SNOWBOWL

PO Box 8107, Missoula, MT 59807
Reservations: 406-549-9777
24-Hour Snow Phone: 406-549-9696
info@montanasnowbowl.com
www.montanasnowbowl.com

Base Elevation 5,000 ft.
Top Elevation 7,600 ft.
Vertical Drop 2,600 ft.
Longest Run 3 mi.
Lift Capacity 3,400 skiers/hr.
Average Snowfall 300 inches/yr.

Deep, powdery bowls and 2,600 feet of continuous vertical drop make Snowbowl an extremist's dream. There's plenty of skiing for other skill levels, too.

LOCATION

12 miles northwest of Missoula.

GETTING HERE

Delta, Horizon Air, United and Northwest to Missoula. Car rentals at airport. From I-90, Reserve Street Exit (Exit 101), north on Grant Creek Road, then left onto Snowbowl Road.

SEASON

Late November–early April. Open daily 9:30 a.m.–4 p.m., closed Mondays and Tuesdays early and late season. Closed December 25.

TRAILS & SLOPES

42+ trails and groomed runs, open powder bowls and tree skiing. 1,200 acres on the Lolo National Forest. 20% beginner, 40% intermediate, 40% advanced. 700 acres of "extreme" skiing. Snowmaking at lower elevations.

LIFTS

Chairs 2 high-capacity doubles
Surface 2

PRICES

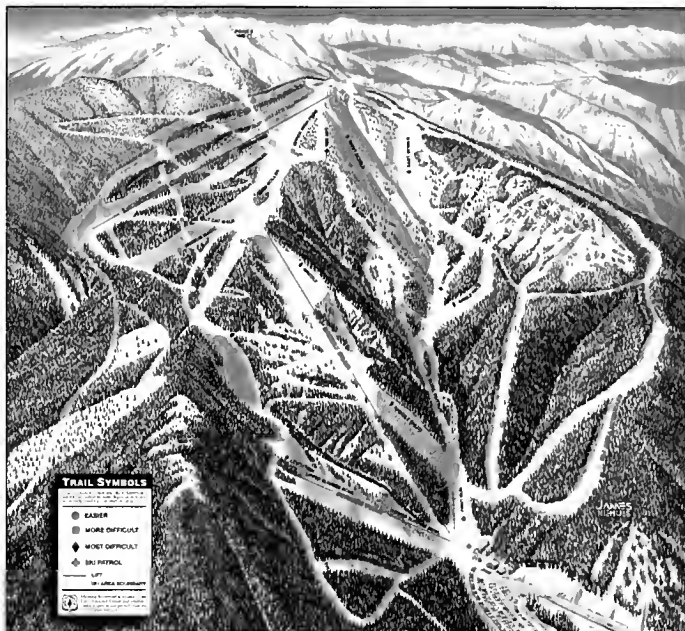
Adult \$40
Child \$18
Child (5 and under) Free
Beginner tow \$5
Senior, student and half-day rates.

RENTALS & PACKAGES

Complete downhill packages start at \$21/day. Performance ski equipment, snowboards and telemark packages available.

FIELD TRIPS

Downhill, snowboard.
Adult group \$24/2 hrs.
Adult private \$40/1 hr.
Pee-Wee private \$19
Beginner's package (lift, lesson, rental) . . \$39



FOOD & DRINK

Double Diamond Cafe in the Snowbowl Lodge, Grizzly Chalet at mid-mountain and the award-winning Last Run Inn.

LODGING

On mountain, ski in and ski out at the new Gelandesprung Lodge. A complete range of accommodations and ski packages are available in Missoula. For more lodging information, directory begins on page 69.

EVENTS

Pepsi Sport Racing every Saturday; Snowboard Jam, March 5-6; Northern Division Freestyle, February 12-13; Masters Race, February 5-6; Gelande Jump Championship, February 26-27; Best-of-the-Bowl Race, March 19; North Dakota Downhill, March 27.

PACKAGES

Ski packages with ski-in/ski-out lodging and hot tub start at \$55/day per person, double occupancy.



Brad Morris

The following locations and activities are located near Montana Snowbowl. Please reference the map on page 14 of this guide for exact locations.

DESTINATION

MISSOULA -

OFFICIAL CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU OF MISSOULA

1121 East Broadway, Suite 103

Missoula, MT 59802

800-526-3465 · 406-532-3250

office@missoulacvb.org

www.destinationmissoula.org/wt11

Missoula lies in a mountain forest setting where five valleys converge, making it the perfect hub for any outdoor recreational adventure. Three major rivers, countless lakes and seven wilderness areas offer a paramount playground for outdoor enthusiasts. Skiing and snowmobiling are abundant during the winter months. Missoula is within 100 miles of four downhill ski areas, and there are a dozen more within a day's drive. Snowbowl ski area is a short 20-minute drive from downtown Missoula and features a vertical drop of 2,600 feet—one of the steepest in the country. Groomed cross-country trails are abundant and can be found as close as Pattee Canyon (ten minutes from downtown). For snowmobile enthusiasts there are plenty of wide-open spaces and beautiful groomed trails. To top it all off, being Montana's most culturally diverse city, Missoula offers an array of events, attractions, entertainment, dining and nightlife for a perfect ending to a hard day of play. In short, Missoula is in the middle of it all—where recreation, culture and fun abound!

BITTERROOT VALLEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

105 East Main, Hamilton, MT 59840

406-363-2400 · localinfo@bvchamber.com

www.bitterrootvalleychamber.com

Bring your family to the Bitterroot Valley to discover the best that winter has to offer, where the cost is reasonable and the scenery is unsurpassed.

Winter sports enthusiasts find many outlets for their passion. You can ski and snowboard in two states at Lost Trail Powder Mountain, which sits atop the Continental Divide where Montana and Idaho meet. With over 300 inches of snowfall every year, these uncrowded slopes, serviced by high-speed lifts, offer an excellent downhill ski and snowboard experience.

You can also try cross-country skiing, snowmobiling, or snowshoeing, or just snuggle in front of a roaring fire and enjoy the majestic scenery. Lodging in the valley includes a world-class resort, excellent motels, unique bed & breakfasts, and a variety of rustic lodges and beautiful vacation homes.

Snow seldom accumulates more than six inches on the valley floor and winter activities in the communities are frequent. Theatre, art shows and professional musical performances take place throughout the winter months.

SEELEY LAKE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

PO Box 516, Seeley Lake, MT 59868

406-677-2880 · slchamber@blackfoot.net

www.seeleylakechamber.com

Seeley Lake lies in the heart of the Seeley Swan Valley, nestled between the Bob Marshall and Mission Mountain Wildernesses. The Seeley area, offering over 300 miles of groomed, uncrowded trails, provides snowmobiling fun for all levels of riders. Seeley Lake also boasts a world-class Nordic ski trail system, horse-drawn sleigh rides, snowshoeing, bird watching, ice fishing and races (biathlon, ski, sled dog, snowmobile).

Seeley Lake is a popular destination for groups and families who like to play in the snow together. Equipment rentals, trail maps and guide services are available. Lodging opportunities range from full service guest ranch and resorts to motel accommodations, as well as local retail shops displaying Montana made and handcrafted art. Check out the website for a complete list of lodging, dining, shopping and guest services as well as a calendar of events.



Photos: (above left clockwise) snowmobiling—Patrick J. Chaplin; snowshoeing—Glacier Country Tourism; night by the Clark Fork River—Steve Hocking/courtesy Destination Missoula

SHOWDOWN MONTANA

PO Box 92, Neihart, MT 59465
 Information Line:
 800-433-0022 • 406-236-5522
 24-Hour Snow Phone: 406-771-1300
www.showdownmontana.com

Base Elevation 6,800 ft.
 Top Elevation. 8,200 ft.
 Vertical Drop 1,400 ft.
 Longest Run 2 mi.
 Lift Capacity 3,900 skiers/hr.
 Average Snowfall. 245 inches/yr.

A Montana favorite for more than 70 years! Showdown offers something for everyone, with an expanded lodge, day care, lesson programs for kids ages four years and older and the best skiing in central Montana.

LOCATION

U.S. Highway 89, ten minutes south of Neihart, one hour southeast of Great Falls, 30 minutes north of White Sulphur Springs, 1.75 hours northeast of Bozeman, 1.75 hours east of Helena.

GETTING HERE

Fly Delta, Northwest, United or Horizon Air to Great Falls. Major car rentals available at the airport.

SEASON

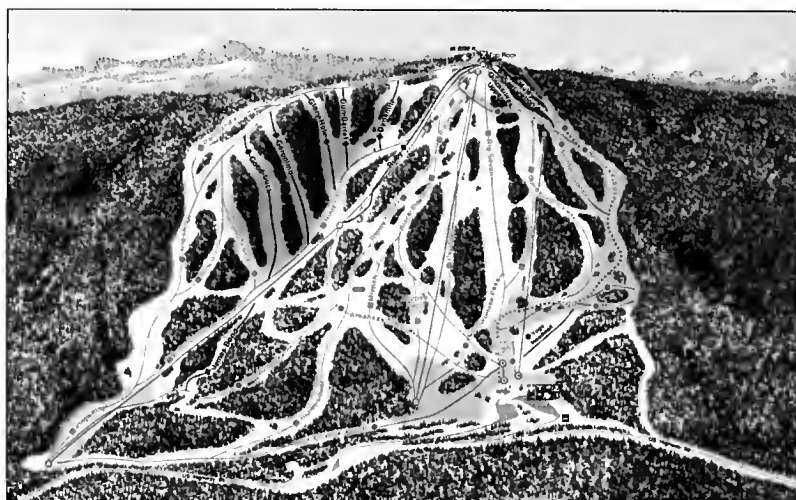
December—early April, Wednesday–Sunday, plus these holidays: December 15, 2010–January 2, 2011 (closed Christmas Day), Martin Luther King, Jr. Day—January 17, 2011 and President's Day—February 21, 2011.

TRAILS & SLOPES

34 uncrowded tree-lined trails and open slopes in the Lewis and Clark National Forest. 30% beginner, 40% intermediate, 30% advanced.

LIFTS

Chairs. 1 triple, 2 double
 Surface 1 conveyor



RATES

Adult (13-69) \$37
 Junior (6-12) \$20
 Senior (70+) \$27
 College I.D. \$32
 Child (5 and under) Free
 Beginner Chair \$20
 Magic Carpet Free

RENTALS

Downhill package \$20/day
 (all shaped skis)
 Snowboard package \$29/day
 Snowbikes \$30/day
 (first-timers required to take a lesson)
 Snowblades. \$20/day
 Telemark Rental. \$22/day

INSTRUCTION

Alpine, snowboard, telemark and snowbike lessons. Group or private lessons. Kids' Snowmonsters and Little Shredders programs.

FOOD & DRINK

King's Hill Grill, The Hole-in-the-Wall Saloon and the T-bar coffee shop in the base lodge, plus the Top Rock Eatery at the mountain summit.

LODGING

Accommodations nearest to the mountain are in Neihart, Monarch and White Sulphur Springs. Full accommodations in Great Falls. For more lodging information, see intotheshow.com.

CROSS-COUNTRY

12 miles of groomed trails adjacent to downhill ski area.

JUST FOR KIDS

Snowmonsters (ages 4-6) and Little Shredders (ages 7-10) include lesson and lift plus rental if needed. Day care at the base lodge. Reservations are required for ages 2 and under.

EVENTS

Torchlight Parade and Fireworks, December 31, 2010; Tacky Attire and Race, March 26, 2011; Mannequin Jump, April 12, 2011.

PACKAGES

Save when you book a Stay and Ski Package. Pricing based on double occupancy. Blackout dates apply. See intotheshow.com for more details.



AMTRAK



Ski Whitefish
AND
MAKE BIG TRACKS TO BIG SNOW.

Ride the Empire Builder® to your winter vacation. To find just how far we can take you, contact Flathead Travel at **1-800-223-9380** or call **1-800-USA-RAIL**, or visit us on the web at **Amtrak.com**. Plan the perfect Montana trip for your winter vacation.



WHITEFISH MOUNTAIN RESORT

3808 Big Mountain Road
Whitefish, Montana 59937
877-SKI-FISH (754-3474)
Snow Phone: 406-862-SNOW (7669)
info@skiwhitefish.com
skiwhitefish.com

Base Elevation 4,464 ft.
Top Elevation 6,817 ft.
Vertical Drop 2,353 ft.
Longest Run 3.3 mi.
Lift Capacity 13,800 skiers/hr.
Average Snowfall 300+ inches/yr.

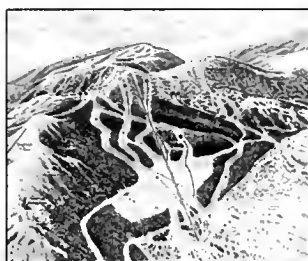
Whitefish Mountain Resort has been one of America's favorite destinations for good times, great people and deep snow since 1947. Rising above the historic railroad town of Whitefish, the resort has gained notoriety for its laid-back vibe, world-class skiing and spectacular summer recreation. Consistently ranked highly in *SKI* magazine's annual reader survey, it is just as well known for a pleasant lack of lift lines as it is for friendly people and deep powder. The resort's central peak accesses more than 3,000 acres, which receive more than 300 inches of average snowfall. Less than 20 miles from Glacier Park International Airport, the Mountain Village offers a full range of amenities, including fine dining, shopping, entertainment and family-friendly activities.

GETTING HERE

Glacier Park International Airport is served daily by flights from Salt Lake City (Delta), Minneapolis (Northwest), Seattle (Alaska/Horizon), Denver (United) and others. Shuttle service and car rentals are available. The historic Whitefish Depot is served daily by rail (Amtrak) from Seattle, Portland, Minneapolis and Chicago and points in between.

SEASON

December 4, 2010–April 3, 2011.
Open daily 9 a.m.–4 p.m.*
Night skiing late December to early March on Fridays, Saturdays and select holidays.
*Season subject to change due to conditions. Visit skiwhitefish.com or call 877-SKI-FISH for up-to-date information.



TRAILS & SLOPES

94 marked runs, 3,000 acres.
15% beginner, 35% intermediate,
40% advanced, 10% expert.

LIFTS

Quads 3 detachable, 2 fixed grip
Other Chairs 5 triples
Surface Lifts 2 t-bar, 1 carpet

2009-10 TICKET RATES*

Adult	\$61
Super Senior (70+)	FREE
Senior (65–69)	\$49
Teen (13–18)	\$54
Junior (7–12)	\$32
Child (6 and under)	FREE
Beginner Area	\$18
Night Skiing	\$16

Multi-day and group rates and lodging package discounts available. *Rates are based on 2009-2010 rates. Please visit skiwhitefish.com for 2010-2011 ticket rates.

TERRAIN PARK

Three separate ability-focused areas offer a progressive variety of features including jumps, rails and jibs in the Fishbowl Terrain Park.

FULL MOON DINE & SKI EVENINGS

Ride the lift up, enjoy a gourmet meal at the summit, and ski or ride down by the light of the full moon on selected evenings throughout the season—it's the winter experience of a lifetime.

RENTALS

High-performance ski and snowboard equipment, telemark, snowshoe, helmets and clothing are all available.

INSTRUCTION

Group and private lessons for skiers, snowboarders, telemarkers and adaptive programs available. \$69 Learn-To-Ski/Ride package includes two days of lessons, lift tickets and rentals.

KIDS

Full-service day care, skiing and snowboarding lessons and other services are available through the Kids Center in The Base Lodge.

TRANSPORTATION

Free SNOW Bus between downtown Whitefish and Mountain Village. Free Village Shuttle for access to parking, shopping, dining, slopes and other amenities. Transportation to/from airport and Amtrak available.

FOOD & DRINK

The Mountain Village offers a wide selection of dining and nightlife, from one of America's favorite ski bars, to fine dining and award-winning wine lists, to good food and great views at the Summit House.

LODGING

A wide variety of hotel rooms, condos and town homes, including ski-in/ski-out access, hot tubs, swimming pool and other amenities can be found at the resort. Call Central Reservations at 877-SKI-FISH or visit skiwhitefish.com for more information and special deals.

*All prices, dates and hours are subject to change. Please call 877-SKI-FISH or visit skiwhitefish.com for the most up-to-date information.

The following locations and activities are located near Whitefish Mountain Resort. Please reference the map on page 14 of this guide for exact locations.

WHITEFISH VISITORS BUREAU

PO Box 4232
Whitefish, Montana 59937
Visitor Info: 877-862-3548 · 406-862-3501
info@explorewwhitefish.com
www.explorewhitefish.com

Folks who live here have known it for a long time. But a national travel magazine recently picked Whitefish as one of the 10 Coolest Small Towns in America. In the October 2009 issue of *Arthur Frommer's Budget Travel Magazine*, Whitefish was featured as one of the top, up-and-coming, affordable travel destinations nationwide.

Three markers drove the editors to their picks: you have to be able to get a good cup of coffee and excellent food; when people leave for the big city, they realize they've made a mistake and come back home; and lastly, you'll see more art galleries than country stores.

"Every now and then you stumble upon a town that's gotten everything right—great coffee, food with character, shop owners with purpose," begins the feature article, which goes on to highlight ten "Main Street, U.S.A." places with enough character to

sustain even the biggest city dwellers. "Whitefish rose to the top for its mix of folksiness and style," said *Budget Travel*, Editor in Chief Nina Willdorf. "Residents definitely have a strong sense of pride in what they do, and they're just as passionate about the rugged natural surroundings as the food and theatre scene."

Every winter, the hearty people of Whitefish band together to welcome visitors with celebrations like the Whitefish Winter Carnival, complete with a home-town parade, penguin plunge, yetis, vikings, snow sculptures, and non-stop parties. Horses and skiers unite in skijoring races that illustrate the crossover of the Old West with modern-day adventures.

Known for award-winning cuisine and wine selections, Whitefish has more than 40 restaurants, from steak to sushi, both old classics and modern fare. After dinner, enjoy a band at one of the many hot spots or try the Cultural Arts Center for theater, dance, or a concert. In the morning, stretch with a yoga class, grab a massage, or even take a swim at the Aquatic and Fitness Center.

Walk the covered sidewalks on Central Avenue for a hearty breakfast made from local products, then catch the SNOW Bus to Whitefish Mountain Resort. 3,000 acres of skiing are framed by the craggy peaks of the Continental Divide that define Glacier National Park—just 25 miles from town—and crown this magnificent area. The ski mountain is the perfect backdrop to a town that celebrates mountain life, adventure, and friends.

Enjoy the feel of the wind as you whisk through the woods on a dog sled. Wander the miles of cross-country ski and snowshoe trails that wind through the forests and rolling hills near town. Take a skate with your family at the Ice Pavilion. Or jump on 15 kilometers of groomed trails with five kilometers lit at night right in the heart of Whitefish.

Getting here is easy. Glacier Park International Airport is just 11 miles from town, or hop on Amtrak's Empire Builder, with twice-daily arrivals to the historic Whitefish Train Depot. Come see for yourself what makes a cool town cool.

For more information:
www.explorewhitefish.com, 877-862-3548.



MONTANA'S SMALL GEMS

When it comes to enjoying "skiing like it used to be," Montana has three ski areas where less is truly more! A little off the beaten path, these small areas offer big value. You and your family will experience nonexistent lift lines, powder you can ski all day long, cozy lodges where the staff gets to know you by name and lift tickets priced like you've stepped back in time.

All are short drives from some of Montana's most historic communities, which reflect our small-town Western heritage. Affordable accommodations, outstanding hospitality and skiing that will take you back to the good old days await you at these three small Montana gems.



Photos: (above, clockwise from top right) boarding the lift—Claire Stoner; happy kids after a race—Kris Martens; spring skiing—Helmbrecht Studio

BEAR PAW SKI BOWL

PO Box 1121
Havre, MT 59501-1121
Snow Phone: 406-265-8404
www.skibearpaw.com

"Raccoon the eyes, rack the boards, rack up some runs, rack up some fun and ski knee deep cheap at the steep and deep Bear Paw Ski Bowl."

Bear Paw Ski Bowl, the "Last Best Ski Hill," offers an inexpensive, old-fashioned, friendly ski hill experience. We are managed and operated by an all-volunteer group of local skiers. Skiers and riders at Bear Paw will find a nostalgic and rustic trip back to a time when skiing was the emphasis and accommodations were provided by good neighbors with a smile.

LOCATION

29 miles south of Havre, take 5th Avenue South. Where the highway ends the slopes begin. Havre is accessible by Amtrak.

SEASON

January–March, Saturdays and Sundays
10:30 a.m.–4 p.m.

TRAILS & SLOPES

One double chair serves over 20 runs. Skiers can unload at midway for groomed trails or ride to the top for a paradise of powder and bumps.

RATES

Adult	\$20
Junior	\$18
Under 8 and over 80	FREE

RENTALS

Ski and board rentals available at Master Sports in Havre.

INSTRUCTION

Lessons available.

FOOD & DRINK

Our talented Eagle Creek Ski Patrol serves world-famous Hermie Burgers and Augie Dogs at our outdoor grill, adjacent to the Alpenglow Lodge.

LODGING

Lodging available in community of Havre.



Claire Stoner

MAVERICK MOUNTAIN

PO Box 460475
Polaris, MT 59746
406-834-3454
www.skimaverick.com

Hidden away in the mountains of southwest Montana, you'll find Maverick Mountain, one of Montana skiers' best-kept secrets. Maverick is a big mountain with 2,000 feet of superb snow and uncrowded trails offering exciting skiing for every level of skier.

LOCATION

40 miles west of I-15 from exit 59.

TRAILS & SLOPES

24 trails on 950 acres.

LIFTS

Double 1
Surface 1

RATES

Adult \$30
Junior \$22
Senior \$22

RENTALS

A complete line of skis and boards.

INSTRUCTION

All levels of ski and board lessons available.

FOOD & DRINK

The Baselodge grill offers home-cooked food. A complete selection of wine and beer is available in the Thunder Bar.

LODGING

Grasshopper Inn, 406-834-3456
Elkhorn Hot Springs, 406-834-3434
Jackson Hot Springs Lodge, 406-834-3151
and additional lodging available in Dillon.



TURNER MOUNTAIN

PO Box 210
Libby, MT 59923
406-293-2468
www.skiturner.com

With the finest snow conditions, wide-open slopes, fabulous scenery, no crowds and inexpensive lift tickets, Turner Mountain is truly the ideal place for the skier/snowboarder who desires the most from their skiing experience.

LOCATION

22 miles north of Libby on Montana 567 (Pipe Creek Road). Libby is served by Amtrak and easily accessible from Spokane and Glacier International Airports.

SEASON

December 15–April 15.
Open Friday–Sunday, holidays and
Christmas week 9:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

FACILITIES

Over 22 runs served by a double chair. Terrain is 15% beginner, 35% intermediate and 50% advanced. New day lodge with cafeteria, rentals and instruction available.

RATES

Adult \$30
Junior and Senior \$25

LODGING

Available in the community of Libby.



Photos: (above) skiing at Bear Paw—Heimbrecht Studio; family fun—Jeff Bosch

The following locations and activities are located near Whitefish Mountain Resort. Please reference the map on page 14 of this guide for exact locations.

BAR W GUEST RANCH

2875 Highway 93 West
Whitefish, Montana 59937
866-828-2900 • 406-863-9099
info@thebarw.com
www.barwguestranch.com

Getting here is easy—it's leaving that is hard! The Bar W Guest Ranch on Spencer Lake in Whitefish, Montana has it all—great staff, wonderful accommodations, incredible food and plenty of room to explore.

The Bar W is open year-round and treats you with true Western hospitality from the moment you arrive until long after you have left. Beautiful vistas and rolling ridges adorn the Montana countryside at this cozy dude ranch.

Located on Spencer Lake between two pine-covered ridges, the Bar W is perfect for families, adults, singles and groups alike. There are 3,000 acres available for all kinds of outdoor activities. Just 3.5 miles down the road from this serene wilderness is the vibrant resort town of Whitefish, offering up the finest in shopping, dining, theatre and nightlife.

The ranch consists of a 6,200-square-foot lodge with wi-fi, cabin suites, hot tub, indoor and outdoor horseback-riding arenas, stables, a barn, play meadow, an entertainment area and a gazebo on the lake, all helping to make the Bar W an idyllic piece of paradise for our guests to explore and soak in, all year long.

SPRING

Wait until you sit down to breakfast or dinner and taste some of the best down-home cooking this side of the Mississippi—Montana style! Meals are prepared with love and care and are always served in hearty portions. No one leaves hungry.

WINTER MONTHS

In the winter months, you can still ride horseback on the trails or in our indoor arena, snowshoe or hike right out the back door, skate or ice fish on Spencer Lake, or take a sleigh ride and have dinner at the gazebo on



Chuck Haney

the lake. Incredible skiing and snowboarding is just ten miles away at Whitefish Mountain Resort. And, if that's not enough, the Flathead Valley is a year-round playground with skiing, backcountry skiing, four cross-country trail systems, snowmobiling, dog sledding and more. Glacier National Park is 23 miles from the ranch, and the drive there is almost as pretty as the park itself (almost!). Or, you can just sit back, relax and let Montana surround you!

SPRING • SUMMER • FALL

In the warmer months, our horseback riding program is the ranch's main attraction. Our experienced staff, trained horses and the hundreds of thousands of acres our guests can traverse make for an incredible horseback-riding experience. You can also enjoy horsemanship clinics, barrel racing and cattle sorting. Other activities include wagon rides, campfires with storytelling, archery, clay pigeon shooting, fishing, boating, square dancing and more.

PACKAGES

The Bar W offers three, four and six night vacation packages as well as a bed and breakfast plan during certain parts of the year.

LOCATION

Whitefish Mountain Resort – 10 miles
Snowmobiling – 15 miles
Town of Whitefish – 3.5 miles
Dog Sledding – 15 miles
Glacier International Airport – 15 miles
Amtrak Station – 4.5 miles
Kalispell – 25 miles
Glacier National Park – 23 miles
World-Class Golf – 1.5 miles



The following locations and activities are located throughout Montana. Please reference the map on page 14 of this guide for exact locations.

FAIRMONT HOT SPRINGS RESORT

1500 Fairmont Road
Fairmont, MT 59711
Reservations: 800-332-3272
info@fairmontmontana.com
www.FairmontMontana.com

Fairmont Hot Springs Resort features two Olympic-size pools and two soaking pools,

all filled with natural hot springs water, plus Montana's only year-round 350-foot enclosed waterslide. The perfect spot to end your day of skiing or snowmobiling by soaking, dining in the poolside dining room, or treating yourself to a therapeutic massage. Fairmont is located just 30 miles northeast of Discovery Ski Area. Discovery

is ideally suited to all levels of skiing. For conditions or information, log on to skidiscovery.com or call 406-563-2184.

5 km of groomed trails and many more miles of ungroomed trails near Discovery Basin. Within minutes of Fairmont is the Mt. Haggin cross-country ski area with 25 km of groomed trails, featuring both telemark and parallel terrain.

Over 90 miles of groomed snowmobile trails in the Georgetown Lake system, tucked away in the solitude of the Anaconda Pintler Wilderness.

Also available are ice skating, ice fishing and more.

Please call 800-332-3272, or you may e-mail us at info@fairmontmontana.com.



ALL SEASONS INN & SUITES

808 3rd Avenue SW, PO Box 318
White Sulphur Springs, MT 59645
406-547-8888 · 877-314-0241
www.allseasonsinnandsuites.net

"From Geysers to Glaciers," All Seasons Inn & Suites is on U.S. Highway 89/12, the shortest, most scenic route between

Glacier and Yellowstone National Parks. Our AAA diamond-rated lodging offers off-season winter rates, stay/ski packages, standard rooms and small, large and extra large suites. Suites have microwaves and refrigerators. Amenities include a complimentary continental breakfast, free wireless Internet, guest laundry, a fireplace

in the lobby, meeting room, giant indoor hot tub, bus/RV parking and winter plug-ins. All Seasons Inn & Suites is great for your winter business or group retreat, family reunion or weekend getaway. Showdown Ski Area, King's Hill Recreation Area (snowmobile rentals available) and Silver Crest Ski Touring Trail are located nearby.



**3-LESSONS
3-RENTALS
3-LIFT TICKETS**

Discounted Packages From:

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CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING

Nordic skiing has its roots in Europe's Scandinavian countries, which are filled with wide-open spaces, majestic vistas and plentiful geysers.

Montana also is filled with wide-open spaces, majestic vistas and, in the Yellowstone National Park region, plentiful geysers. Hmm. Montana might be a cross-country skiing destination our Scandinavian friends would enjoy.

If you're considering a trip to Montana, the numbers definitely add up, starting with two national parks: Glacier and Yellowstone.

In Montana's northwest corner, Glacier National Park has more than a million acres of beauty, accessed by a dozen Nordic ski trails. Don't want to explore on your own? Ask about guided tours and ski rentals in surrounding towns. To get more information, contact: Glacier National Park, PO Box 128, West Glacier, MT 59936, or call 406-888-7800. www.nps.gov/glac

The Yellowstone landscape, like Scandinavia, is home to numerous geysers and geothermal features. In fact, more than half of the world's geysers are in Yellowstone National Park. When

you ski Yellowstone, you'll be surrounded by the white plumes of geysers and wildlife.

Montana has two winter entrances into Yellowstone at Gardiner and West Yellowstone, with exceptional skiing opportunities around Cooke City, Gardiner, West Yellowstone and Mammoth Hot Springs. (While here, try snowcoach tours and snowmobile rentals; more on those in the following pages.) Contact: Park Information,

Box 168, Yellowstone National Park, WY 82190, or call 307-344-7381. www.nps.gov/yell

And though you could live on national parks alone, Montana piles it on with nine national forests and several wilderness areas open to Nordic skiing and snowshoeing. We're also home to premier cross-country resorts, where you can be pampered after a day of skiing. You'll find more than a dozen Nordic resorts offering hundreds of groomed trails.

A trip to Montana is one that takes you to the essence, and the roots, of the Nordic skiing experience.

Photos: (opposite page) Stillwater Mountain Lodge Nordic Trails near Whitefish—Chuck Haney; (this page, top to bottom) skis resting on a snowy cabin—Donnie Sexton; backcountry touring on Lake McDonald in Glacier National Park—Chuck Haney



MONTANA'S NATIONAL FORESTS

Montana has 16.8 million acres of publicly accessible national forests and grasslands. To put that number in perspective, it's roughly the total land area of Vermont, New Hampshire and Massachusetts combined. So you have plenty of room to roam, ranging from the rugged mountaintops and steep, timbered canyons of western Montana to the badlands and prairies of eastern Montana.

Fifteen downhill ski areas on national forest lands provide slopes for every talent. These winter sports areas have been developed in cooperation with private industry and are operated under national forest special-use permits.

In addition to spectacular downhill runs, there are vast and diverse landscapes for cross-country skiers and snowmobilers. Skiers can follow more than 400 miles (644 km) of designated ski-touring trails of varying difficulty across timbered slopes, open meadows and ridgelines. See the chart on the facing page for more information. There are also thousands of miles of ungroomed recreation territory.

Snowmobilers can ride more than 2,500 miles of designated trails, or they can explore

on their own. In some areas, wildlife winter ranges are closed to snowmobiling.

A Guide to Your Northern Region National Forests will give you the locations of all the national forests in Montana. This guide and maps of the individual national forests and winter recreation trails are available from the U.S.D.A. Forest Service, Northern Region, or the individual national forest (see contact information on right).

If you're looking for a true backcountry experience, the Forest Service has rustic cabins and lookouts for rent on a first-come, first-served basis. Cabins are furnished with the bare basics (table, chairs, wood stove and bunks). Bedding is not furnished. Forest Service personnel at the national forest in which the cabin is located can tell you what you need to bring. For a Recreational Cabin and Lookout Directory, contact the individual national forest (see contact information on right) or go to www.recreation.gov.

Photos: (below, clockwise from upper left) enjoying the view at Apgar in Glacier National Park—Dody Sheremeta; snowshoeing through the forest—Donnie Sexton; deer peeking over snowbank—Dusan Smetana

NATIONAL FORESTS ONLINE
www.fs.fed.us/r1/

U.S.D.A. Forest Service Northern Region
www.fs.fed.us/r1/

Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest
406-683-3900 • www.fs.fed.us/r1/b-d

Bitterroot National Forest
406-363-7100 • www.fs.fed.us/r1/bitterroot

Custer National Forest
406-657-6200 • www.fs.fed.us/r1/custer

Flathead National Forest
406-758-5200 • www.fs.fed.us/r1/flathead

Gallatin National Forest
406-587-6701
406-522-2520 (recreation information)
www.fs.fed.us/r1/gallatin

Helena National Forest
406-449-5201 • www.fs.fed.us/r1/helena

Kootenai National Forest
406-293-6211 • www.fs.fed.us/r1/kootenai

Lewis & Clark National Forest
406-791-7700
www.fs.fed.us/r1/lewisclark

Lolo National Forest
406-329-3750 • www.fs.fed.us/r1/lolo





SKI TRAILS IN NATIONAL FORESTS

TOTAL KM OF GROOMED TRAILS
TOTAL KM SKATING LANES
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MOST DIFFICULT GROOMING

CONTACT

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

BEAVERHEAD-DEERLODGE NATIONAL FOREST AND BITTERROOT NATIONAL FOREST										
A	Chief Joseph Cross-Country Trails 28 miles W of Wisdom	24.6		8	14.5	2.1	W	District Ranger, Wisdom 406-689-3243 District Ranger, Sula 406-821-3201	Starts on north side of MT Hwy 43 at Chief Joseph Pass. Eight loop trails. Groomed by Bitterroot Ski Club. Maps available at trailhead. Warming hut.	
B	Como Lake Recreation Area 6 miles NW Darby	30	30	5	20	5	W	Darby Ranger District, 406-821-4298 Valley Bicycle and Ski, 406-363-4428	Parking at Como Lake boat ramp area, follow signs. Dogs allowed. No motorized vehicles. Mainly use old logging roads between Como Lake and Tin Cup Canyon. Trails maintained by Como Trails Ski Club.	
C	Georgetown Lake Discovery Ski Area	5.2		5.2	3.1	9.6	W	District Ranger, Philipsburg 406-859-3211	Access from Discovery Ski Area and Georgetown and Echo Lakes. Maps available at Discovery Ski Area and forest offices.	
D	Wade Lake Ski Trails 40 miles S of Ennis	35						District Ranger, Ennis 406-682-4253 Wade Lake Resort, 406-682-7560	Several routes provide skiers with touring of Cliff and Wade Lakes and scenic vistas; food and lodging at Wade Lake Resort. Trail map available.	
CLEARWATER NATIONAL FOREST										
E	Lolo Pass 45 miles SW of Missoula	12	12	2	6	6	W	District Ranger, Powell, ID 208-942-3113	Dogs prohibited. Warming hut and visitor center. Separate parking for skiers. Recreational use pass required (\$5/day or \$20/season).	
FLATHEAD NATIONAL FOREST										
F	Blacktail Mountain 8 miles W of Lakeside	26.8		21.5	5.25		I	District Ranger, Bigfork 406-837-7500	No skiing on plowed Blacktail Mountain Road. Spectacular views of Flathead Lake and Valley and four mountain ranges.	
G	Essex Trail Complex Izaak Walton Inn, Essex	30.8	30.8	16.3	12.5	2	I	District Ranger, H. Horse 406-387-3800 Izaak Walton Inn, 406-888-5700	System consists of 7 trails; park at Izaak Walton Inn. Trails maintained and groomed by Izaak Walton Inn. Trail fee required.	
H	Glacier Wilderness Ranch 20 miles E of Hungry Horse	20.2					I	District Ranger, Hungry Horse 406-387-3800	Trails use old Highway 2.	
I	Round Meadows 15 miles NW of Whitefish	12		4.3	6	1.6	I	District Ranger, Whitefish 406-758-5204	Snowmobiles prohibited; dogs must be controlled. Trees and meadows, moose sightings possible. Snowshoers welcome. Large plowed parking lot. Restroom and information board.	
GALLATIN NATIONAL FOREST										
J	Bannock Trail Cooke City to Silver Gate	4.8		4.8				District Ranger, Gardiner 406-848-7375	Trail is on groomed snowmobile trail.	
K	Bear Creek Trail System Jardine, 5 miles NE of Gardiner	14.5	14.5	7	7.5		I	District Ranger, Gardiner 406-848-7375	Easy climb through timber along Bear Creek Road. Climbs through timber along old logging road to meadow on ridge.	
L	Rendezvous Ski Trails West Yellowstone	42	42	8.2	24	9.8	D	District Ranger, West Yellowstone 406-823-6961	World-class grooming, both skate and classic. Dogs and snowmobiles prohibited. Groomed daily. Fee. Season pass available.	
HELENA NATIONAL FOREST										
M	MacDonald Pass 15 miles W of Helena	27.1		4.5	17	5.6	W	District Ranger, Helena 406-449-5490 or The Base Camp, 406-443-5360	Snowmobiles and dogs prohibited. Capacity for 15 vehicles.	
KOOTENAI NATIONAL FOREST										
N	Bear Creek 7 miles S of Libby	5.5		2.3	1.8	1.4	I	District Ranger, Libby 406-293-7773	Motorized vehicles prohibited. Capacity for 20 vehicles.	
O	Ross Creek Trail No. 400 17 miles S of Troy, MT 56	13		11		2	I	District Ranger, Troy 406-295-4693	Motor vehicles prohibited after December 1. Trail goes to Ross Creek Cedar Grove Scenic Area. Capacity for 6 vehicles.	
P	South Flower 4 miles SW of Libby	8.4	5.5	2.4	5.5	0.5	W	District Ranger, Libby 406-293-7773	Capacity for 30 vehicles. Motorized vehicles prohibited.	
LEWIS AND CLARK NATIONAL FOREST										
Q	Silver Crest 7 miles SE of Neihart	19.2		4.7	10.3	4.2	I	Belt Creek Ranger District, Neihart 406-236-5511	Park in Kings Hill Winter Recreation Area parking lot. Three warming huts. Tow-behind sleds prohibited.	
LOLO NATIONAL FOREST										
R	Pattee Canyon Ski Trail 5.5 miles SE of Missoula	11	11	1.6	4	5.4	I	District Ranger, Missoula 406-329-3814	Closed to motorized vehicles. Two trails. Dogs prohibited on groomed trails. Capacity for 40 vehicles.	
S	Seeley Lake Ski Trails 1 mile NE of Seeley Lake	18	18	3	12	3	I	District Ranger, Seeley Lake 406-677-2233	Snowmobiles and dogs prohibited on groomed trails. Maps available at District Office.	

► Letters preceding ski centers/trails correspond to locations on map, page 14.

GROOMING: I-Intermittent W-Weekly D-Daily **NOTE:** Some trails are groomed irregularly. The **EASIEST**, **MORE DIFFICULT** and **MOST DIFFICULT** ratings are relative to each area. Weather and snow conditions may make an **EASIEST** trail too difficult for many skiers. In addition to groomed trails, many areas offer opportunities for skiing ungroomed Forest Service trails. Please contact the appropriate Forest Service office or ski club for current information before you ski. **MOUNTAIN TOURING TRAILS** are marked routes for experienced skiers only.

CROSS-COUNTRY SKI CENTERS/TRAILS

		TOTAL KM OF GROOMED TRAILS										TOTAL KM OF SKATING LANES										EASIEST										MORE DIFFICULT										MOST DIFFICULT										GROOMING										TRAIL FEES										RENTALS										X-COUNTRY INSTRUCTION										FOOD SERVICE										LODGING ON SITE										ADDITIONAL INFORMATION																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																
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Y—Yes **GROOMING:** I—Intermittent W—Weekly D—Daily. **NOTE:** Some trails are groomed irregularly. **FOOD SERVICE:** S—Snacks.

TRAIL FEES: D—Donations accepted. The **EASIEST**, **MORE DIFFICULT** and **MOST DIFFICULT** ratings are relative to each area. Weather and snow conditions may make an **EASIEST** trail too difficult for many skiers. In addition to groomed trails, many areas offer opportunities for skiing ungroomed meadows and slopes. Please contact the appropriate ski center or ski club for current information before you ski.



Photo: family outing, Montana style—Chuck Haney

CHICO HOT SPRINGS RESORT & DAY SPA

1 Old Chico Road, Pray, MT 59065
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reservations@chicohotsprings.com
www.chicohotsprings.com

The quintessential Montana experience. Established in 1900 and currently on the National Register of Historic Places, Chico is a year-round destination resort. Our winters are filled with cross-country skiing, wilderness dog sled treks, trips to nearby Yellowstone National Park and, of course, soaking in our natural mineral hot springs.

LOCATION

Chico is located on U.S. Highway 89, 23 miles south of Livingston and 30 miles north of Gardiner, the only entrance to Yellowstone National Park that's open year-round. Airline travel is accessed via Bozeman, 45 miles away. You can rent a car at the airport or call locally for a shuttle.

FACILITIES

Western comfort and hospitality abound at Chico. Accommodations range from our Historic Main Lodge to private cabins, chalets and large log homes. The property also boasts 150 pristine acres, two restaurants, meeting facilities, two mineral hot pools, a unique gift shop, full-day spa facilities and a Western saloon . . . something for everyone.

DINING

Chico has long been known for its landmark restaurant, The Dining Room at Chico. Creative continental cuisine is served in a comfortable atmosphere of casual elegance. The seafood is fresh, the steaks are large and the wine list is extensive. For more



casual fare, try the Poolside Grille; serving salads, large sandwiches, burgers and excellent ribs and pizza. The Saloon offers food from the Poolside Grille menu and is known for its large selection of beer and "Paradise Margaritas."

CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING

Chico offers you an ideal home base regardless of your skiing level or desires. Pack your skis and head out to nearby Mill Creek Canyon on fresh untracked trails or drive to neighboring Yellowstone Park where wildlife and amazing natural wonders await you. There's nothing in the world like skiing past grazing elk in sheer silence or watching a geyser go off with winter as a backdrop. It's all part of the Chico experience. The real

Chico experience, however, is putting your skis away or saying goodbye to your musher and stepping into the natural hot springs under the stars of a crisp Montana night!

RESERVATIONS

We have become a popular spot, which makes reservations for lodging a must. Weekends fill quickly so reservations are highly suggested to secure your choice of dates and accommodations.

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Established in 1990

In the grandeur of the Rocky Mountains, mush a team of huskies on a snow-covered trail running alongside a pristine mountain stream! Here's your opportunity to enjoy the unique experience of being behind a sled drawn by a team of 6-12 huskies. Have a romantic getaway or bring the family as you explore the Gallatin National Forest of the Absaroka Mountains in gorgeous Mill Creek Canyon. It's an adventure of a lifetime! Take it all in on the full-day Denali trek, offering mountain sledding with a savory lunch of buffalo steak and trout grilled to perfection. Or, enjoy the splendor of the half-day Yukon trek, which includes a delightful picnic lunch. For those short on time, the two hour Tenderfoot trek allows you to experience the sport and enjoy being with the dogs! The season starts the end of November and goes through the end of March; daily treks depart from Chico each morning. Owned and operated by Mark and Sharon Nardin, PO Box 134, Pray, MT 59065. Reservations required; call 406-222-4645 or 406-333-4933. info@extrememontana.com www.extrememontana.com



Patrik Ondrus

IZAAK WALTON INN

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www.izaakwaltoninn.com

Snow Country magazine named the Izaak Walton Inn one of the top ten cross-country ski resorts in the Rockies. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the Izaak Walton Inn is an alpine lodge constructed in 1939 by the Great Northern Railroad to house winter snow removal crews. Memorabilia, authentic furniture and our stone fireplace remind every guest of the great train era's mystique.

FACILITIES

Relax in an Empire Builder room with private bath, a Great Northern deluxe accommodation or a family suite, or enjoy the unique lodging of a refurbished and remodeled caboose. Family log cabins sleeping up to six are now available. The Dining Car Restaurant serves a wide variety of menu favorites, plus daily specials. The Flagstop Bar, game room, gift shop, Finnish sauna and laundry facilities help make your stay more enjoyable.

LOCATION

At Essex, just off U.S. Highway 2, halfway between East and West Glacier in northwest Montana. Fly Delta, United, Northwest, Alaska Airlines or Horizon Air to Kalispell and rent a car for a scenic drive to Essex. Or ride Amtrak right to our door. Rental cars available at the Inn.

SEASON

Late November through April 15. Glacier National Park backcountry tours from December 1 to April 15. Our spring skiing is excellent, as snowfall usually lasts into the middle of May.

TRAILS

More than 33 km of trails that are mechanically groomed daily, partially on



the Flathead National Forest, with set track and skating lane. Telemark hill. Lighted Starlight Trail for night skiing. Backcountry ski opportunities in Glacier National Park and the Great Bear Wilderness.

GUIDE SERVICE

Our guided ski tours unlock the door to Glacier National Park's pristine winter splendor. Wildlife, spectacular scenery and experienced guides provide for a memorable day of skiing. Trips can be tailored to any ski level. Cost of an all-day group trip is \$100-\$200 per person, including lunch, transportation and guide service. Ski rental equipment is available upon request.

DAY SKIER SERVICES

A day trail pass allows you to ski our entire trail system. Equipment rental packages are available.

LESSONS

From beginner to advanced, our PSIA-certified instructors offer classic, skate, telemark and backcountry lessons.

VACATION PACKAGES

Inquire about our three-, four- and five-day vacation packages. Packages include accommodations, two meals a day, daily trail passes, full use of all Inn ski trails and Finnish sauna, one ski lesson, one guided ski tour and/or one guided snowshoe tour into Glacier National Park.

EVENTS

- Kick-Out-The-Kinks 5 & 10 km Nordic Ski Race, December 19, 2010
- Annual SKI FEST, January 15-16, 2011
- RMO Family Fun Race, February 5-6, 2011
- Spring SNOW RODEO!, March 19-20, 2011

**Event dates may change. See website for updated information.*

RESERVATIONS

Reservations are recommended. When calling, please indicate if you are interested in a ski tour into Glacier National Park, as space is limited.

RIDE AMTRAK

Enjoy the convenience of rail travel to Glacier National Park. Avoid winter driving and take Amtrak to our door! Essex, Montana, is the last remaining flagstop on Amtrak's majestic Empire Builder line. Relax and arrive ready to ski! Group discounts are available for 20 or more. For reservations see www.amtrak.com or call 800-USA-RAIL. Station code ESM.

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LONE MOUNTAIN RANCH

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A full-service, winter vacation resort focusing on Nordic skiing and snowshoeing. Alpine skiing and snowboarding just six miles away. Professionally groomed cross-country ski trails, well-maintained snowshoe trails, attractive, cozy cabins, a beautiful log dining lodge, dependable snow, top-quality ranch gourmet meals and that "extra special" Montana hospitality combine to make Lone Mountain Ranch the winter vacation experience of a lifetime. Named by a *Cross Country Skier* magazine poll as the top Nordic ski resort in North America.

LOCATION

Big Sky, Montana—48 miles south of Bozeman, 18 miles northwest of Yellowstone National Park. Fly Northwest, Delta, Horizon, Frontier or United Airlines to Bozeman. Free airport shuttle. Special airfares available.

SEASON

Ski from mid-December to late March.

TRAILS

90 km of professionally groomed, tilted and tracked trails designed to accommodate all levels of ability. Groomed for both traditional skiing and skating. We also have marked snowshoe trails. A portion of these trails lie in the Gallatin National Forest.

NATURALIST-GUIDED SKI & SNOWSHOE TRIPS

Naturalist-guided, all-day ski and snowshoe tours into the backcountry of Yellowstone Park. Skiing or snowshoeing past steaming geyser basins and wintering herds of elk and bison is an unforgettable experience.

OUTDOOR YOUTH ADVENTURES

Full and half-day activities for children age 4–18.



SKI INSTRUCTION

Professional PSIA-certified instructors offer lessons for all levels of cross-country skiers.

OUTDOOR SHOP

Complete Nordic ski shop provides both retail and rental equipment.

VACATION PACKAGES

Comfortable ranch-style accommodations house up to 60 guests in cozy log cabins with private baths, electric heat and wood-burning stoves or fireplaces. One-week package (seven nights) includes three complete meals per day, lodging, trail fees, airport transportation, a sleigh ride dinner, on-the-trail buffet lunch, evening programs and outdoor hot tub at \$2,013–\$2,478 per person, double occupancy. Alpine ski packages and short stays also are available. Reservations are required.

DAY SKIER SERVICES

Day trail passes give you access to the cross-country and snowshoe trail system. Rental ski and snowshoe packages, outdoor shop, ranch breakfasts, hearty skier buffet lunches, ranch gourmet dinners, saloon,

lessons, guided ski and snowshoe tours, guided fly fishing trips, kids' program and old-fashioned sleigh ride dinners are all available to day visitors.

FLY FISHING

Lone Mountain Ranch was voted ORVIS®-Endorsed Lodge of the Year, providing top-quality guided walk/wade trips during the winter months.

SLEIGH RIDE DINNERS

Step back into Montana history with an old-fashioned sleigh ride dinner. A horse-drawn sleigh takes you through the winter woods to a beautiful log cabin where the aroma of homemade bread greets you at the door. A gourmet prime rib dinner, cooked in a century-old wood cookstove, and musical entertainment help complete a perfect winter evening.

RESERVATIONS

It is recommended that you make your reservations as early as possible to ensure your choice of dates and accommodations. Summer family ranch vacations and conference facilities are also available.

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Chamber of Commerce, the West Yellowstone Ski Education Foundation and the U.S. Forest Service. Many competitive and recreational events are held on the trails throughout the year.

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WINTER MACHINES

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1. All snowmobiles used for recreation on public lands must be registered and display a current decal—including all out-of-state machines. Out-of-state registration decals are \$25 and valid for the entire winter.
2. If you ride on plowed streets open to snowmobile traffic, you must have a driver's license. The only exception is a person under 18, who must have a safety certificate and travel with an adult.
3. Know the local laws and regulations where you are riding. Contact the Montana Snowmobile Association at www.m-s-a.org to find out more.
4. Motorized vehicles—including your snowmobile—are not allowed in a federally designated wilderness area. Make sure you know your location at all times.
5. For nonresident permits and safety certificate requirements, contact Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks at 406-444-7317 or www.fwp.mt.gov/parks/recreation.
6. For more information about snowmobiling in Montana, contact the Montana Snowmobile Association, PO Box 56, Black Eagle, MT 59414 or www.m-s-a.org.




Photos: (opposite page) sledder's viewpoint—Chuck Haney; (this page, clockwise from top) Two Top Trail near West Yellowstone—Donnie Sexton; sledding through the snowghosts—Chuck Haney; enjoying the sunset—Ken Takata



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AREA NAME	LOCATION	AREA DESCRIPTION	ELEVATION	MILES GROOMED
CUT BANK 1	Marias Pass is midway between Cut Bank and Kalispell on US Hwy 2. Amtrak has scheduled east-west service with stops in Cut Bank, East Glacier Park, and Essex.	Those who like their winters wild can test their mettle at northwest Montana's Marias Pass Trail Complex. Straddling the Continental Divide, these trails are rugged and remote. A wide range of riding is available, from intermediate to expert, on 45 miles of groomed trails and another 35 miles of ungroomed trails. Guides are advisable on some trails. Steep slopes, avalanches and sudden storms can make for extreme conditions.	Marias Pass, 5,280'; trails to 8,000'	38 miles
FLATHEAD VALLEY (COLUMBIA FALLS, WHITEFISH, BIGFORK, KALISPELL) 2	The Flathead Valley encompasses the communities of Columbia Falls, Whitefish, Kalispell and Bigfork in northwest Montana and can be accessed via US Hwy 93 and US Hwy 2. Air service is centrally located at Glacier Park International Airport (FCA). Amtrak has regular east-west rail service to Whitefish, just minutes from trailheads.	Northwest Montana's Recreation Wonderland boasts over 200 miles of groomed snowmobile trails and nearly 60,000 acres of usable snowmobile terrain on U.S. Forest Service land that take you into great hill climbing, powder play areas, wildlife viewing and spectacular ridgetop views of Glacier National Park and the Canadian Rockies. Add to that more than 4,000 acres of skiing at Whitefish Mountain Resort, ample cross-country skiing, ice fishing, ice skating and dog sledding and you have a true winter playground.	Kalispell, 2,956'; trails to 7,000'	202 miles
HAUGAN 3	Haugan is on the I-90 Montana-Idaho border in northwest Montana, 90 miles west of Missoula on I-90 and 110 miles east of Spokane.	Haugan offers snowmobiling opportunities for all abilities. It's one of those great places that combines vast riding possibilities with a family atmosphere. Trails begin right off I-90. Lots of cross-country ski territory. You'll see friendly faces at trailside stops in Haugan, De Borgia and Saltse with designated trails, open meadows and scenic views.	Haugan-Lookout Pass, 4,725'; trails to 5,000'; Cooper Creek, Thompson Pass, 4,852'; trails to 6,407'	120 miles
KOOTENAI COUNTRY 4	The northwest corner of the state is where you'll find Kootenai Country. Nearest airports are Kalispell (65 miles southeast of Eureka, 90 miles east of Libby) and Spokane (160 miles west of Libby). Libby and Eureka also have smaller airports.	The mountains of Kootenai Country provide breathtaking views and hours of recreation. After a day of snowmobiling in the Purcell Mountains (via US Hwy 2), drive to Troy or the nearby Scandinavian town of Libby and enjoy the atmosphere and congeniality that the area and its residents offer. On the northeast side of Kootenai Country (via US Hwy 93), Eureka, Trego and Fortine offer historical views of small town life in Montana.	Libby, 2,066'; trails to 5,800'; Fortine, 2,965'; trails to 5,800'	162 miles
LOLO PASS 5	Lolo Pass is on US Hwy 12 at the Montana-Idaho border, 45 miles southwest of Missoula. Nearest airport is Missoula.	At Lolo Hot Springs visitors enjoy the same soothing waters that bathed the weary members of the Lewis and Clark Expedition nearly 200 years ago. Starting at either Lolo Hot Springs or at Lolo Pass 7 miles west, snowmobilers can conduct their own modern-day explorations, using 250 miles of groomed, connecting trails in the Lolo and Clearwater national forests. A parking pass is required at Lolo Pass.	Missoula, 3,200'; Lolo Hot Springs, 4,160'; trails to 6,500'	209 miles
SEELEY LAKE 6	Seeley Lake is 15 miles north of the junction of MT Hwys 83 and 200 in western Montana. Nearest airport is Missoula, 60 miles west via MT 200 and I-90.	Tucked between the Mission Mountains and the Swan Range on scenic MT Hwy 83, Seeley Lake is one of western Montana's most popular year-round recreation areas. Starting from town, snowmobilers can fan out in nearly every direction to scenic lookouts, cozy lodges, cafes and backcountry lakes for ice fishing.	Seeley Lake, 4,000'; trails to 7,000'	230 miles
HAMILTON/SKALKAHO 7	Access to the Skalkaho snowmobile area is 2 miles south of Hamilton, then 15 miles east on Skalkaho Hwy 38. Hamilton is 50 miles south of Missoula on US Hwy 93 in southwest Montana. Nearest airport is Missoula.	One of Montana's least-traveled snowmobile areas is one of the most scenic. In summer, the Skalkaho Highway from Hamilton to the Georgetown Lake area is a scenic alternative to I-90. In winter, it is the kind of trail that snowmobilers dream about. Closed to automobile traffic, it allows privileged views of frozen Skalkaho Falls, tall peaks and deep canyons.	Hamilton, 3,572'; Skalkaho Pass, 7,260'; trails to 8,000'	58 miles

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TRAILS	SERVICES	CONTACTS
Popular trails originating at Marias Pass are Two Medicine, Skyland and Pike Creek. These are rugged trails on the Lewis and Clark and Flathead National Forests south of Glacier Park and north of the Great Bear Wilderness. There are additional ungroomed trails in the area.	Snowmobile rentals are available at J-L Rental in Columbia Falls. 406-892-7666. Lodging and food are available at Snow Slip Inn, 406-226-9381; Half-Way House, 406-888-5650; and East Glacier Park, 12 miles east.	Summit Snowgoers (Formerly Cut Bank Snowgoers), PO Box 301, Cut Bank, MT 59427, www.cbs.m-s-a.org ; Cut Bank Chamber of Commerce, Box 1243, Cut Bank, MT 59427, 406-873-4041, www.cutbankchamber.com ; Lewis and Clark National Forest, 1101 15th St. N., Box 869, Great Falls, MT 59403, 406-791-7700; Rocky Mountain Ranger District, Box 340, Choteau, MT 59422, 406-466-5341
Canyon Creek to Whitefish Mountain Resort begins north of Columbia Falls and crosses Werner Peak to connect with the Olney Creek and Taylor Creek trails. Continuing north, the Graves Creek/Mount Marston trail system goes over the Whitefish Mountain Range to upper Whitefish and Red Meadow lakes. Between Hungry Horse and the Great Bear Wilderness is the Desert Mountain area and south of Bigfork, between Flathead Lake and Swan Lake, is the Crane Mountain area. South of Swan Lake is the Porcupine Creek trail system.	The Flathead Valley offers a full range of visitor services, including snowmobile sales, service and rentals. Guided tours may be arranged through the Flathead Snowmobile Association. Great lodging facilities are located in each community and range from bed and breakfasts, cabins, condos, lodges and ranches to small, independent motels and deluxe, full-service hotels/convention centers.	Flathead Convention and Visitor Bureau (FCVB), 15 Depot Park, Kalispell, MT 59901, 800-543-3105, www.fcvb.org . Call the FCVB for a free trail guide and information on Bigfork, Columbia Falls, Kalispell, Whitefish; Flathead Snowmobile Association, PO Box 1221, Whitefish, MT 59937, www.flatheadsnowmobiler.com ; Flathead National Forest, 650 Wolfpack Way, Kalispell, MT 59901, 406-758-5200
In Haugan, popular groomed trails on the Lolo National Forest are Ford Hill/Old Mullan Pass, Packer Creek/Randolph Creek, Milwaukee/Dominion, Big Creek, Deer Creek/Up Up and Taft Summit. These are easy-to-intermediate trails that follow travel routes and provide loop tours.	Food and lodging are available in De Borgia, Haugan, Saltese and Thompson Falls. Fuel is available in Haugan, St. Regis, Saltese and Thompson Falls only. Limited snowmobile service in Thompson Falls.	Montana Night Riders Snowmobile Club, PO Box 420035, Haugan, MT 59842, www.montananghtriders.com ; Superior Ranger District, Lolo National Forest, Box 460, Superior, MT 59872, 406-822-4233; Thompson Falls Chamber of Commerce, Box 493, Thompson Falls, MT 59873, 406-827-4930
Several groomed trails are available throughout Kootenai Country. Of special note is the rugged Keeler-Rattle trail system, giving views of the Cabinet Mountains Wilderness and the proposed Scotchman Peaks Wilderness; the 60 miles of loop trails in the Purcell Mountains; and the Pete Creek Trail traveling into mountain bowls and alpine lakes. The Grave Creek/Ten Lakes Trail begins at the Birch Creek Recreation Site parking facility and leads into the northeast corner of Kootenai Country.	Food and lodging facilities are available in Libby, Troy, Yaak, Eureka, Fortine and Trego. Snowmobile services and sales are available in Eureka and Libby.	Libby Ranger Dist., 12557 MT 37, Libby, MT 59923, 406-293-7773; Three Rivers Ranger Dist., 12858 US Hwy. 2, Troy, MT 59935, 406-295-4693; Fortine Ranger Dist., 12797 US Hwy. 93 S., Fortine, MT 59918, 406-882-4451; Rexford Ranger Dist., 949 US Hwy. 93 N., Eureka, MT 59917, 406-296-2536; Libby Chamber, PO Box 704, Libby, MT 59923, 406-293-4167, www.libbychamber.org ; Eureka Ten Lakes Snowmobile Club, PO Box 404, Eureka, MT 59917; Lincoln County Snow-Cats, PO Box 1180, Libby, MT 59923; Troy Snowmobile Club, PO Box 1002, Troy, MT 59935; Cabinet Ridge Riders, PO Box 1577, Trout Creek, MT 59874, www.crr.m-s-a.org
A series of interconnecting loop trails straddle two national forests on the Montana-Idaho border. East Fork, Lost Park System, Elk Meadows and Moose Ridge are just some of the trails that lead deep into the heart of the Bitterroot Range, with lots of meadows and play areas along the way.	Food, lodging, swimming, camping and snowmobile rentals are available at Lolo Hot Springs. A full range of visitor services, including snowmobile rentals, sales and service, are available in Missoula.	Powell Ranger District, Clearwater National Forest, Lolo, MT 59847, 208-942-3113; Missoula Ranger District, Lolo National Forest, Building 24A, Fort Missoula, Missoula, MT 59801, 406-329-3750; Missoula Snowgoers, PO Box 2441, Missoula, MT 59806, www.missoulasnowgoers.org ; Missoula Convention and Visitors Bureau, 1121 E. Broadway, Ste. 103, Missoula, MT 59802, 800-526-3465, www.missoulacvb.org
Popular trails include Double Arrow Lookout, with views of the Swan Range and Clearwater Valley; Elsin Lake, site of Sunday cookouts with the Seeley Lake Drifters Snowmobile Club; Seeley Lake-Ovando, a favorite for those who like to dine and dash and Marshall Lake, a scenic 15-mile loop.	Snowmobile sales, service, guides, and rentals, plus lodging and food are available in Seeley Lake. Limited services are available on the trail.	Seeley Lake Ranger District, Lolo National Forest, HC 31, Box 3200, Seeley Lake, MT 59868, 406-677-2233; Seeley Lake Drifters, PO Box 174, Seeley Lake, MT 59868, www.driftriders.org ; Seeley Lake Area Chamber of Commerce, Box 516, Seeley Lake, MT 59868, 406-677-2880, www.seeleylakechamber.com ; Missoula Convention and Visitors Bureau, 1121 E. Broadway, Ste. 103, Missoula, MT 59802, 800-526-3465, www.missoulacvb.org
The Skalkaho Pass area offers 26 miles of groomed trails. From there, open areas and ungroomed trails offer a wide variety of terrain for all skill levels. The Skalkaho-Sleeping Child-Rye Creek area has 32 miles of groomed trails, looping through higher elevations, through a burned area and back to the head of Rye Creek. The loop can also be entered from Rye Creek, south of Darby.	Snowmobile sales, service and rentals are available in Hamilton. A wide variety of food and lodging is available in Hamilton and throughout the Bitterroot Valley.	Bitterroot National Forest Office, 1801 N. 1st St., Hamilton, MT 59840, 406-363-7100; Darby Ranger District, Bitterroot National Forest, Box 368, Darby, MT 59829, 406-821-3913; Bitterroot Chamber of Commerce, 105 E. Main St., Hamilton, MT 59840, 406-363-2400, www.bvchamber.com ; Bitterroot Ridge Runners, PO Box 265, Hamilton, MT 59840, www.ridgerunners.org

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AREA NAME	LOCATION	AREA DESCRIPTION	ELEVATION	MILES GROOMED
DEER LODGE 8	Deer Lodge is 80 miles east of Missoula and 40 miles west of Butte in west-central Montana. Accessed from I-90. Nearest airport is Butte.	By the Clark Fork River on I-90 in a long valley between snow-covered mountains is the historic city of Deer Lodge. This easily accessible area is a hit with family groups as well as those looking for adventure. Enjoy wide open spaces under a big blue sky.	5,300' at the trailhead; trails to 8,000'	59 miles
DILLON/ POLARIS 9	33 miles northwest of Dillon, off Hwy 278, in southwest Montana. May be reached from the north from MT Hwy 43. Nearest airport is Butte, about one hour north on I-15. Daily north-south bus service to Dillon.	One of Montana's better-kept secrets lies in the pristine mountain valleys in the southwest corner of the state. The mountains are the Pioneers and the place is the Grasshopper and Big Hole valleys region. The trail system follows a scenic route between Wise River and the Grasshopper Valley, a designated National Forest Scenic Byway.	Dillon, 5,100'; trails to 8,400'	200 miles
GARNET 10	The ghost town is about 30 miles east of Missoula and can be reached from either MT Hwy 200 or I-90. Nearest airport is Missoula.	A booming "Gold Rush" town of 1898, Garnet boasted hotels, general stores, an assay office and a dozen saloons. Log cabins, stables, a blacksmith shop and a jail occupied the hillside. U.S. Bureau of Land Management stabilization efforts saved dozens of buildings, making Garnet one of Montana's best-preserved ghost towns.	4,200' at the trailhead; trails to 7,000'	116 miles
GEORGETOWN LAKE 11	Pintler Scenic Route (MT Hwy 1 between Drummond and Anaconda, off I-90 in southwest Montana). Nearest airports are Butte, 50 miles east on I-90 and Missoula, 80 miles west on I-90.	One of Montana's most popular lakes is the centerpiece of a winter sports area that offers snowmobiling, ice fishing and downhill and cross-country skiing. On the Pintler Scenic Route, Georgetown Lake is surrounded by mountains and wilderness. There's an abundance of silver salmon in Georgetown Lake, fun at nearby downhill slopes, Nordic trails and mineral hot springs swimming pools.	Georgetown, 6,400'; trails to 9,000'	140 miles
HELENA 12	Helena is at the junction of I-15, US Hwy 12 and US Hwy 287, on the east slope of the Rockies in western Montana. Fly into Helena or drive I-15 or US 287 north-south or US 12 east-west.	Visitors return again and again just to explore the mountains and trails within an hour's drive of the city. Extending from Helena in nearly every direction are 245 miles of trails leading to ghost towns and high mountain ridges and lakes, plus unlimited exploring on thousands of acres of national forest.	Helena, 4,000'; trails to 8,000'	175 miles
LINCOLN 13	Lincoln is midway between Great Falls and Missoula on MT Hwy 200. Nearest airports are Great Falls, 90 miles northeast, Missoula, 80 miles west and Helena, 60 miles southeast on Hwy 279.	Start your weekend with a cup of coffee or cocoa at the Snow Warriors' clubhouse, then explore more than 250 miles of groomed trails and unlimited play areas. Eight major trails start right in town where sledding is permitted on roadway shoulders. Most trails are lightly traveled, with breathtaking views around every turn. Deer, elk and an occasional moose may be seen.	Lincoln, 4,575'; trails to 8,200'	250 miles
VIRGINIA CITY/ENNIS 14	Ennis is on US Hwy 287, 45 miles south of I-90 and 70 miles north of Yellowstone National Park, in southwest Montana. Virginia City is 14 miles west of Ennis on US 287.	One of Montana's most popular summer attractions, the restored gold mining camp of Virginia City is a treasure in winter. An 1863 gold strike lured thousands of fortune seekers to its main street, Alder Gulch. Sledding is permitted in town and building tours may be arranged for groups. Within sledding distance of town is a trail system that opens up the Gravelly Range.	Virginia City, 5,822'; trails to 8,000'	130 miles
WISDOM/ JACKSON/SULA 15	Junction of MT Hwy 43 and Hwy 278, west of I-15, in extreme southwest Montana. Nearest airport is Butte.	Cold, dry powder snow comes early and stays late, ensuring great sledding. If you seek challenge and solitude and don't mind sharing the trails with moose, elk and other wintering wildlife, Wisdom is the place for you. There are friendly folks in town to keep you company after the sun goes down, plus hot springs resorts and downhill and cross-country skiing nearby.	Wisdom, 6,058'; trails to 7,500'	150 miles

4 Numbers preceding snowmobile areas correspond to locations on map, page 14.

TRAILS	SERVICES	CONTACTS
The snowmobile trailhead is 8 miles southeast of the city center and has ample parking. 91.5 miles of marked and groomed trails lead to Champion Pass, the Continental Divide, Leadville, White House Campground and other points of interest.	Food, lodging, fuel and vehicle service are available in Deer Lodge. Snowmobile service and rentals are in Butte, 40 miles east.	Pintler Ranger District, Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest, 266 Warren Ln., Deer Lodge, MT 59722, 406-846-1770. Deer Lodge Snowmobile Club, PO Box 44, Deer Lodge, MT 59722, www.dlsc.m-s-a.org
Trails lead to the ghost town of Coolidge and the Elkhorn Mine. Major groomed trails heading west tie into the Wisdom/Jackson trail system at Bear Lake (see Wisdom/Jackson) and head north to the Wise River trail system (see Wise River). Heading south to Reservoir Lake you can join the trails of the Salmon, Idaho snowmobiling club.	Food, lodging, fuel, guide service, and snowmobile and clothing rentals are available in Polans. Food, lodging, fuel and snowmobile sales and service are available in Dillon. Rental Forest Service cabins are at Bear and Reservoir lakes. Cross-country ski trails and downhill skiing are nearby.	Dillon Ranger District, Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest, 420 Barrett Street, Dillon, MT 59725, 406-683-3900; Beaverhead Sno-Riders, PO Box 867, Dillon, MT 59725
The core of this 116-mile winter trail system is the 31.5-mile Gamet National Winter Recreation Trail, which takes snowmobilers and skiers into the heart of the ghost town and surrounding area. Trails vary from easy to very difficult routes suitable only for advanced riders. Secondary trails, including First Chance Gulch, Top O'Deep and Chamberlain Creek, take recreationists to remote, high elevation areas.	There are no commercial services in Gamet. Cabin rentals are available (during winter only) through the BLM. A full range of services including snowmobile sales, rentals and service are available in Missoula. 30 miles west on MT Hwy 200 and at Seeley Lake. Food and lodging are also available in Drummond off I-90 south of Gamet. Winter groups of 10 or more may find lodging at Lubrecht Forest next to the MT 200 trailhead. 406-244-5524.	Missoula Field Office, Bureau of Land Management, 3255 Fort Missoula Rd., Missoula, MT 59804, 406-329-3914; Missoula Convention and Visitors Bureau, 1121 E. Broadway, Ste. 103, Missoula, MT 59802, 800-526-3465, www.missoulacvb.org; Missoula Snowgoers, PO Box 2441, Missoula, MT 59806, www.missoulasnowgoers.org
Three major trail systems include East Fork, west of Georgetown Lake, which offers popular family snowmobiling with views of the Anaconda Pintler Mountains; Red Lion, east of Georgetown Lake, which offers more challenging riding with an ever-present deep snowpack; and Blodgett, south of Georgetown Lake, which offers family touring with a snow shelter for picnics and cookouts. Other popular trails include Peterson Meadows, Montgomery Ridge, Windy Ridge, Storm Lake, Happy Creek, Warm Springs and Hidden Lake.	Snowmobile sales and service are available in nearby Philipsburg and Anaconda. Fuel, food and lodging are available at Georgetown Lake and in Philipsburg and Anaconda.	Pintler Ranger District, Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest, 88 10-A Business Loop, Philipsburg, MT 59858, 406-859-3211; Anaconda Snowmobile Club, 55 Fire Ln., Anaconda, MT 59711
There are three major trail systems, all within a 30-minute drive of Helena. The Marysville area has 45 miles of groomed trails. Just 10 miles from Helena is the Minnehaha-Rimini area with 95 miles of groomed trails. Northeast of Helena, there are 35 miles of groomed trails in the Magpie-Sunshine area that include inspiring views of the Gates of the Mountains Wilderness.	Snowmobile sales, service and rentals, plus a full range of lodging and food services are available in Helena. Guided tours may be arranged through the Helena Snowdrifters Snowmobile Club.	Helena Ranger District, Helena National Forest, 2001 Poplar, Helena, MT 59601, 406-449-5490; Helena Snowdrifters Snowmobile Club, PO Box 5505, Helena, MT 59604; Helena Chamber of Commerce, 225 Cruse Ave., Helena, MT 59601, 406-442-4120, www.helenachamber.com
Popular trails include scenic Huckleberry Pass, a tree-lined route with several play areas, which connects to the Seeley Lake trail system; Keep Cool, a scenic lake tour; Stonewall Mountain, an advanced ride with spectacular views; Dalton Mountain, an easy trail with play areas; and Alice Creek, scenic territory with play areas. There are a few restricted areas, lots of play areas and plenty of variety for all skill levels.	Lodging, food and fuel are all available in Lincoln. Join the Ponderosa Snow Warriors Snowmobile Club at their heated clubhouse for poker runs, moonlight rides and picnics all season long. Cross-country skiing is nearby.	Lincoln Ranger District, Helena National Forest, Box 785, Lincoln, MT 59639, 406-369-4140; Ponderosa Snow Warriors, PO Box 933, Lincoln, MT 59639, www.lincolnmontana.com; Lincoln Chamber of Commerce, PO Box 985, Lincoln, MT 59639, 406-362-4949
Three snow trail systems provide access to the Gravelly Range in the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest. The trail from Virginia City follows Alder Gulch through the ghost town of Summit City. A 50-mile loop trail from Lyons Bridge off US Hwy 287 takes more experienced riders to the spine of the Gravelly Range, while an easier route through Antelope Basin provides access to resorts at Elk and Cliff lakes. In the Tobacco Root Range, north of Ennis, a 12-mile groomed trail brings sledders to seven high mountain lakes in the North Meadow Creek area.	Food, fuel and lodging are available in Ennis. Bed and breakfast accommodations are available in Virginia City.	Madison Ranger District, Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest, 5 Forest Service Rd., Ennis, MT 59729, 406-682-4253; Vigilante Snowmobilers, PO Box 145, Virginia City, MT 59755
Join the popular Wise River-Polaris Trail (see Dillon/Polaris) and Wise River trails (see Wise River) or the Steel Creek trails just east of Wisdom, or head west on the Gibbonsville Road, which continues all the way to Salmon, Idaho. The Placer Creek Trail crosses the Continental Divide near Lost Trail Pass and drops into the Bitterroot Valley. Snowmobilers will also enjoy the Stewart Meadow Complex in this system.	Food, lodging and fuel are available in Wisdom and Jackson. Snowmobile sales and service are in Jackson.	Wisdom Ranger District, Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest, Box 238, Wisdom, MT 59761, 406-689-3243; Big Hole Snowmobile Club, PO Box 141, Wisdom, MT 59761; Sula Ranger District, Bitterroot National Forest, 7338 US 93 S, Sula, MT 59871, 406-821-3201

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QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE (CONTINUED)

AREA NAME	LOCATION	AREA DESCRIPTION	ELEVATION	MILES GROOMED
WISE RIVER 16	MT Hwy 43, 12 miles west of I-15 between Butte and Dillon. Nearest airport is Butte.	In December, snow transforms these mountains and river valleys into a giant snowmobile park. Choose one of the many trails within the system, rent a cabin at the end of the trail, or ride your snowmobile to nearby Maverick Mountain for an afternoon of downhill skiing. Snowmobiling is permitted in the town of Wise River. The Wise River-Elkhorn Hot Spring National Recreation Snowmobile Trail connects Wise River with the Grasshopper Valley.	Wise River, 5,500'; trails to 9,400'	150 miles
ELK PARK 17	Elk Park is minutes from Butte. Butte is at the junction of I-90 and I-15. Use either highway or fly into Bert-Mooney Airport.	Nestled on the Continental Divide, Elk Park is just minutes from Butte and offers some of southwest Montana's best snowmobiling. The Elk Park trail system provides spectacular views and easy access for families and people of all ages. The trail system ties into the Deer Lodge trail system for additional riding opportunities.	Butte, 5,200'; Elk Park, 6,500'	38 miles
BIG TIMBER 18	I-90 between Bozeman and Billings in south-central Montana. Nearest airport is Bozeman, 70 miles west.	Glide along a river, through a canyon to the old mining town of Independence and over 15 miles of groomed trails south of Big Timber in the scenic Boulder River Valley. Surrounded on three sides by designated wilderness, the Boulder Canyon Trail follows a beautiful roaded corridor that divides the towering peaks of the Absaroka and Beartooth ranges.	Big Timber, 4,072'; trails to 9,000'	15 miles
BOZEMAN/ BIG SKY 19	Southwest Montana on I-90 between Billings and Butte. Fly into Bozeman. Drive I-90 east-west or US Hwy 191/287 north-south.	Bozeman is perfectly located for the winter sports lover. Close to snowmobiling in Yellowstone National Park and within minutes of some of Montana's finest downhill and cross-country skiing, Bozeman is a prime winter destination. The park lies just 90 miles south through the scenic Gallatin River Canyon. You can sled most of the way on the popular Big Sky Snowmobile Trail.	Bozeman, 4,755'; trails to 9,500'	200 miles
COOKE CITY/ SILVER GATE/ GARDINER 20	Extreme south-central Montana on US Hwy 212. Airports in Bozeman, Billings, Cody, WY. Year-round motor vehicle access from Mammoth/Yellowstone Park right to Cooke City. Gardiner is on US 89 north of Yellowstone.	Gateway to Yellowstone and the spectacular Beartooth high country, Cooke City/Silver Gate enjoys perhaps the longest winter sports season in Montana. These friendly communities consist of "80 people, dogs, moose and an occasional bison." The makers of both Yamaha and Arctic Cat snowmobiles have chosen the area as a test site and promotional film location for their machines. Gardiner, located at the North Entrance to Yellowstone National Park, provides easy access to park trails.	Cooke City, 7,600'; trails to 10,000'	60 miles
LIVINGSTON 21	Junction of I-90 and US Hwy 89 in southwest Montana. Nearest airport is Bozeman, about 30 minutes west of Livingston on I-90.	Two of Montana's most spectacular mountain ranges—the Absarokas and the Crazies—provide a majestic setting for the Yellowstone River community of Livingston. Winter recreationists are equally drawn to the forested canyons.	Livingston, 4,489'; trails to 7,800'	44.5 miles
WEST YELLOWSTONE 22	West Yellowstone is at the West Entrance to Yellowstone National Park at the junction of US Hwy 191/287 and US Hwy 20. Nearest airport is Bozeman.	West Yellowstone tops every snowmobiler's dream list of places to go. The trail system begins right in town, where snowmobilers share city streets with motorists. Choose from 180 miles of groomed trails inside the park or 400 miles outside. Please check the park's new snowmobiling regulations before planning your trip.	West Yellowstone, 6,666'; trails to 10,000'	580 miles
KINGS HILL/ LITTLE BELTS 23	US Hwy 89 between Great Falls and White Sulphur Springs in central Montana. Nearest airports are Great Falls, 65 miles north and Helena, 110 miles southwest on US Hwy 89 and 12.	With plenty of space, an abundance of powder and miles of separate trails, Kings Hill is one of Montana's most popular sports areas. Showdown, Silver Crest cross-country ski area and the trailheads to more than 200 miles of groomed snowmobile trails are all within a mile of one another in the Little Belt Mountains 65 miles south of Great Falls. Great hill climbing and challenging ungroomed trails await more experienced snowmobilers, with gentle groomed loops set up for the new riders and the families who enjoy getting out to ride in the clear crisp air of our beautiful Big Sky Country.	7,000' at parking lot; trails 6,000' to 8,000'	250 miles

Numbers preceding snowmobile areas correspond to locations on map, page 14.

TRAILS	SERVICES	CONTACTS
Trails include Quartz Hill, leading to a massive, high plateau and Anderson Meadows, which leads to backcountry lakes and meadow play areas. Lacy Creek has 10 miles of groomed and ungroomed trails to five high mountain lakes. Long Tom has open areas and 11 miles of groomed trails and leads to the Long Tom Cabin, a warming hut. Mt. Haggin has 15 miles of groomed trails leading to large play areas at high elevation.	Snowmobile service is available in Wise River. Fuel, food and lodging are in Wise River and on the Wise River-Polans trail. Guided tours may be arranged through the Wise River Jackpine Savages Snowmobile Club.	Wise River Ranger District, Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest, Box 100, Wise River, MT 59762, 406-832-3178; Wise River Jackpine Savages, PO Box 65, Wise River, MT 59762
Elk Park trails offer a 38-mile loop through the Lowlands and Lockhart areas with groomed family trails and some open play areas. This loop connects with the Deer Lodge trail system for extended riding areas. A convenient parking area with easy access is just 2 miles off I-15.	All services are available in Butte, including hotels, motels, restaurants, entertainment and shopping. Full-service dealerships for all major brands are waiting to serve you in Butte. Rentals are available in the Georgetown Lake area.	Butte Ranger District, Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest, 1820 Meadowlark, Butte, MT 59701, 406-494-2147; Jefferson Ranger District, 3 Whitehall Rd., Whitehall, MT 59759; Mining City Trail Riders, PO Box 4885, Butte, MT 59702
Two trails provide a variety of snowmobile opportunities in the Gallatin National Forest south of Big Timber. The 15-mile Boulder Canyon Trail takes snowmobilers through the ghost town of Independence to the bowls and meadows in the high country at the head of the main Boulder drainage. This groomed trail is of moderate difficulty. Shorter and easier is the Dry Fork area with a large play area. This 5-mile trail is not groomed.	Snowmobile sales and service, food and lodging are available in Big Timber.	Big Timber Ranger District, Gallatin National Forest, Box 196, Big Timber, MT 59011, 406-932-5155; Sweet Grass County Recreation Association, PO Box 922, Big Timber, MT 59011, www.sgcrs.com
Included in the system is the 120-mile Big Sky Snowmobile Trail between Bozeman and West Yellowstone. Five access routes make shorter loops for easier rides. Buck Creek Ridge, off US Hwy 191 south of Big Sky, provides miles of excellent play areas. North of town are the Brackett-Fairy Lake and Olsen Creek-Bangtail Ridge trails.	A full range of services are available in Bozeman and the Gallatin Canyon. Lodging and food range from modest to elegant. All makes of snowmobiles are sold and serviced. Rentals are available in Bozeman and the Gallatin Canyon at Big Sky. Guided tours can be arranged through rental operators or the Gallatin Valley Snowmobile Association.	Bozeman Ranger District, Gallatin National Forest, 3710 Fallon St., Suite C, Bozeman, MT 59718, 406-522-2520; Gallatin Valley Snowmobile Association, PO Box 3184, Bozeman, MT 59772, www.bss.m-s-a.org; Bozeman Area Chamber of Commerce, 2000 Commerce Dr., Bozeman, MT 59715, 800-228-4224 or 406-586-5421, www.bozemanchamber.com; Big Sky Chamber of Commerce, PO Box 160100, Big Sky, MT 59716, 800-943-4111 • 406-995-3000, www.bigskychamber.com
Popular connecting trails are Daisy Pass Road, Lulu Pass Road, Round Lake and Henderson Mountain. The Cooke City trail system connects with 50 miles of groomed trails in Wyoming (Beartooth Mountain Range).	Snowmobile sales, service and rentals, lodging, food, gas, convenience store and gifts are available in Cooke City and Gardiner. Inside the park, lodging, food and fuel are available. Year-round access from Gardiner to Cooke City.	Gardiner Ranger District, Gallatin National Forest, PO Box 5, Gardiner, MT 59030, 406-848-7375; Yellowstone National Park, WY. 82190, 307-344-7381, ext. 2206, www.nps.gov/yell/; Upper Yellowstone Snowmobile Club, PO Box 1111, Cooke City, MT 59020, www.uysc.m-s-a.org; Cooke City/Silver Gate Chamber of Commerce, PO Box 1071, Cooke City, MT 59020, 406-838-2495; www.cookecitychamber.org; Gardiner Chamber of Commerce, PO Box 81, Gardiner, MT 59030, 406-848-7971
Trails include the 20-mile Shields Loop, with Forest Service cabin rental nearby; the 7.5-mile Cottonwood Trail; the Ibex Cabin Trail, also with Forest Service cabin rental; and the Mill Creek and the Rock Creek South, with trails for a variety of skill levels.	Snowmobile sales, service and rentals, plus a full range of food and lodging are available in Livingston and Gardiner, about an hour south of Livingston on US Hwy 89. For trail information, contact the Big Sky Snowriders Snowmobile Club.	Livingston Ranger District, Gallatin National Forest, 5242 US 89 S., Livingston, MT 59047, 406-222-1892; Big Sky Snowriders, PO Box 365, Livingston, MT 59047, www.bss.m-s-a.org; Livingston Chamber of Commerce, 303 E. Park St., Livingston, MT 59047, 406-222-0850, www.livingston-chamber.com
All Yellowstone National Park roads except Mammoth to Cooke City and Canyon to Tower are open to snowmobiles. Ride from West Yellowstone to the lower Grand Loop, which takes you to Old Faithful, Yellowstone Lake, Norris Geyser Basin and many other of the park's favorite attractions. There are also hundreds of miles of trails in the Gallatin, Beaverhead-Deerlodge and Targhee national forests in this system.	Snowmobile sales, service and rentals are available in West Yellowstone. A range of lodging and food services are available in West Yellowstone and Gardiner. Guided tours and packages are also available. Inside Yellowstone National Park, lodging, food, fuel as well as snowmobile rentals and tours are available at Mammoth Hot Springs and Old Faithful village.	West Yellowstone Chamber of Commerce, PO Box 458, West Yellowstone, MT 59758, www.destinationyellowstone.com; Hebgen Lake Ranger District, Gallatin National Forest, Box 520, West Yellowstone, MT 59758, 406-823-6961; Yellowstone National Park, WY 82190, 307-344-7381, ext. 2206, www.nps.gov/yell
Popular loop trails are Kings Hill, Higgins Park, Moose Mountain and Divide Road (Big A Loop), all with big powder play areas and unforgettable panoramic views. Other popular trails are Deadman, Lamb Creek and Jumping Creek. Joining Kings Hill from the east is the Judith Trail System.	Snowmobile sales and service, plus food and lodging are in Great Falls and Lewistown. Snowmobile rentals available in White Sulphur Springs at 406-547-2330. Fuel, food and lodging are in Lewistown, Monarch and Neihart. A large parking area, the Kings Hill Winter Recreation parking lot, is available on US Hwy 89, as well as other overflow parking in the area.	Belt Creek Ranger District, Lewis and Clark National Forest, 4234 US Hwy 89, Neihart, MT 59465, 406-236-5511; Great Falls Snowmobile Club, PO Box 70, Black Eagle, MT 59414, Meagher County Little Belters, PO Box 315, White Sulphur Springs, MT 59645; Kings Hill Grooming Association, PO Box 69, Black Eagle, MT 59414; Little Belt Snowmobile Club, 1408 West Spring Street, Lewistown, MT 59457; Castle Mountain Sports, 406-547-2330

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If hypothermia is suspected, begin warming the person slowly and seek immediate medical assistance. Warm the person's trunk first. Use your own body heat to help. Arms and legs should be warmed last. Put the person in dry clothing and wrap their entire body in a blanket.

Never give a hypothermia victim caffeine or alcohol. Both can hasten the ill effects of cold body temperatures.



Wind Chill Chart



Frostbite Times

30 min

10 min

5 min

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Temperature (°F)

Calm	40	35	30	25	20	15	10	5	0	-5	-10	-15	-20	-25	-30	-35	-40	-45
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10	34	27	21	15	9	3	-4	-10	-16	-22	-28	-35	-41	-47	-53	-59	-66	-72
15	32	25	19	13	6	0	-7	-13	-19	-26	-32	-39	-45	-51	-58	-64	-71	-77
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Winter in Yellowstone is like no other season—a landscape softened and transformed by snow, a “Winter Wonderland.” Imagine gliding on cross-country skis or snowshoeing beside frozen rivers and steaming geothermal features. Wildlife seems to be everywhere, with wolves hunting and playing, as winter is the season of the wolf. Bison dusted with snow stand majestically against the drama of a winter storm. The solitude will make you feel as if you are alone in this magical place.

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Photo: wildlife viewing in Yellowstone National Park—Donnie Sexton

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Photo: Gallatin River—Donnie Sexton

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Photo: winter cabin—Donnie Sexton

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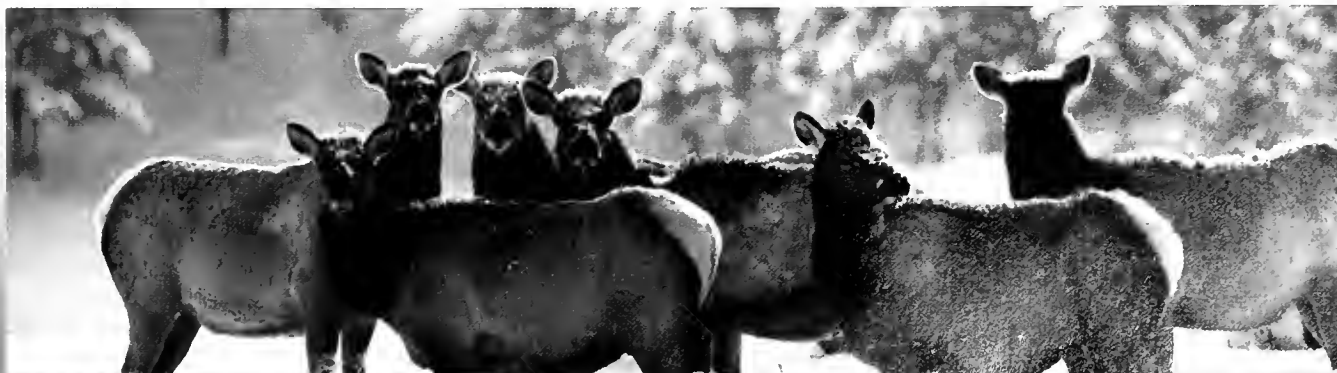


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